

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly consider, as a matter of priority, the adoption and publication of the guidelines on the use of computerized personal files.

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25 May 1990

**1990/39. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/45 of 6 March 1990,<sup>78</sup>

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to hold no fewer than ten fully serviced meetings during the first two weeks of the forty-seventh session of the Commission to continue work on the draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, through a second reading of the text, with a view to submitting it to the Commission at its forty-seventh session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the working group with all the assistance it may require for the continuation of its work.

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25 May 1990

**1990/40. Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/47 of 6 March 1990,<sup>78</sup>

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of eight working days prior to the forty-seventh session of the Commission in order to continue the elaboration of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all facilities to the working group for its meetings prior to and during the forty-seventh session of the Commission and, in order to enable it to continue its work on the elaboration of the draft declaration, to transmit the report of the working group that met prior to and during the forty-sixth session, together with the annexes thereto, to all Member States in advance of the next meeting of the working group.

14th plenary meeting  
25 May 1990

**1990/41. Working Group on Situations of the Commission on Human Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the wish of the Commission on Human Rights to establish a working group to assist it, on a regular basis, in the implementation of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970,

*Noting* that, with the approval of the Council, such a working group has been set up annually since 1974 on an *ad hoc* basis,

*Recognizing* the valuable contribution of the working group, through the years, in the implementation of the procedure set out in Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII),

1. *Authorizes* the Commission on Human Rights to establish a working group consisting of not more than five of its members, with due regard to geographical distribution, to meet for a period not exceeding five working days prior to the sessions of the Commission to examine such particular situations as might be referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under the procedure set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) and those situations of which the Commission is seized under that procedure, and to make recommendations to the Commission on the course of action to take in respect of each particular situation;

2. *Decides* that the working group, to be referred to as the Working Group on Situations, shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Before the end of each session, the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, and after consultations with the members of each geographical area, shall nominate the members to serve in their personal capacity on the Working Group at its next session;

(b) If necessary, the Chairman or the outgoing Chairman may at any time, in order to fill a vacancy, designate a member from among all Commission members of the same geographical area;

3. *Also decides* that the Working Group on Situations shall hold closed meetings and communicate its recommendations confidentially to the Commission on Human Rights, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

14th plenary meeting  
25 May 1990

**1990/42. Status of the individual and contemporary international law**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* resolution 1989/46 of 1 September 1989 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/69 of 7 March 1990,<sup>78</sup>

1. *Expresses its gratitude and deep appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, for her