

be adopted to prevent the occurrence of summary or arbitrary executions,

Taking note also of the work done by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in the area of summary and arbitrary executions,⁹⁶ including the elaboration of minimum legal guarantees and safeguards to prevent recourse to such extra-legal executions, to be considered by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in 1985,

Deeply alarmed at the occurrence on a large scale of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions,

1. *Strongly deplores*, once again, the large number of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions, which continue to take place in various parts of the world;

2. *Appeals urgently* to Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take effective action to combat and eliminate summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of Mr. S. Amos Wako, Special Rapporteur;⁹⁷

4. *Decides* to continue the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. S. Amos Wako, for another year, in order to enable him to submit further conclusions and recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights;

5. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate to continue to examine situations of summary or arbitrary executions;

6. *Also requests* the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate to respond effectively to information that comes before him, in particular when a summary or arbitrary execution is imminent or threatened

7. *Considers* that the Special Rapporteur in carrying out his mandate should continue to seek and receive information from Governments, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to take due account of official declarations and government information which come to his attention;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur so that he may carry out his mandate effectively;

9. *Urges* all Governments and all others concerned to co-operate with and assist the Special Rapporteur;

10. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of summary or arbitrary executions as a matter of high priority at its forty-second session under the item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories".

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30 May 1985*

1985/41. Elaboration of a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 1984/7 of 28 August 1984 of the Sub-

⁹⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 6 (E/1984/16)*, chap. VII.

⁹⁷ E/CN.4/1985/17.

Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities⁹⁸ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/46 of 14 March 1985⁹⁹ concerning the idea of elaborating a draft of a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,

1. *Authorizes* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. M. Bossuyt, as Special Rapporteur, with the task of preparing an analysis concerning the proposal to elaborate a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;

2. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to take into account the documents considered and the views expressed in the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission in favour of or against the idea of elaborating such a protocol;

3. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur to present, on the basis of his analysis, recommendations for further consideration by the Sub-Commission at its thirty-ninth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance for the completion of his task.

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1985/42. Question of a convention on the rights of the child

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/135 of 14 December 1984, by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority to and to make every effort at its forty-first session to complete the draft convention on the rights of the child and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session,

Considering that it was not found possible to complete the work on the draft convention during the forty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1985/50 of 14 March 1985,¹⁰⁰

1. *Authorizes* a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the forty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights, with a view to completing the work on the draft convention on the rights of the child at that session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all facilities to the working group for its meeting prior to and during the forty-second session of the Commission to enable it to fulfil its task successfully, and notes the usefulness of providing the working group, in advance of its session, with such working documents as a compilation of all amendments and new proposals, and relevant provisions of other international instruments.

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⁹⁸ See E/CN.4/1985/3, chap. XVIII.

⁹⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22)*, chap. II.

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*