

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/44 of 12 March 1986,⁶²

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group to meet for a period of one week prior to the forty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, with a view to continuing 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 meeting prior to and during the forty-third session of the Commission and, to enable the group to continue its work on the elaboration of the draft declaration, to transmit to all member States in advance of the meeting the report of the Working Group that met prior to and during the forty-second session⁶³ and all documents submitted to that group.

19th plenary meeting
23 May 1986

1986/38. Study on amnesty laws

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking account of resolutions 1985/33 of 30 August 1985 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities⁶⁴ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/51 of 13 March 1986⁶² entitled "Study on amnesty laws",

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission, Mr. Louis Joinet, for his report⁶⁵ on the study on amnesty laws and their role in the safeguard and promotion of human rights;

2. *Decides* that the study should be disseminated as widely as possible in all the official languages of the United Nations.

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1986/39. Situation in Equatorial Guinea

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/36 of 7 May 1982, 1983/35 of 27 May 1983, 1984/36 of 24 May 1984 and 1985/39 of 30 May 1985,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/53 of 13 March 1986,⁶²

Considering that the conclusions and recommendations⁶⁶ of the expert appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1984/36 concerning his most recent mission to Equatorial Guinea indicate that more needs to be done by the United Nations and the Government of Equatorial Guinea to implement and make better use of the plan of action⁶⁷ proposed by the United Nations and accepted by the Government of Equatorial Guinea,

1. *Requests* the Government of Equatorial Guinea to consider the possibility of continuing to implement the plan of action, taking particular account of the expert's

⁶²See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 2 (E/1986/22)*, chap. II.

⁶³E/CN.4/1986/40.

⁶⁴See E/CN.4/1986/5, chap. XX, sect. A.

⁶⁵E/CN.4/Sub.2/1985/16.

⁶⁶E/CN.4/1985/9, chap. II.

⁶⁷*Ibid.*, annex II.

new proposals, especially those concerning amendments to the Fundamental Law of that country;

2. *Further requests* the Government of Equatorial Guinea to take steps to facilitate the repatriation of all refugees and exiles, including the adoption of measures enabling all citizens of Equatorial Guinea to participate fully in the country's political, economic, social and cultural affairs, thus helping to relieve the shortage of specialized personnel mentioned in the expert's reports;

3. *Appeals* to the Government of Equatorial Guinea to accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁶⁸ the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁶⁸ and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁶⁸ among other international instruments concerning human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with a view to implementing the plan of action and bearing in mind the discussions held in New York between the Government of Equatorial Guinea and the expert, to seek ways and means of establishing a system for co-ordinating assistance furnished by the Centre for Human Rights under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights with all other forms of assistance to Equatorial Guinea, both multilateral and bilateral;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to appoint an expert to co-operate with the Government of Equatorial Guinea in the full implementation of the plan of action proposed by the United Nations and accepted by that Government;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to keep this matter under consideration at its forty-third session.

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1986/40. Question of a convention on the rights of the child

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/113 of 13 December 1985, by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority to, and to make every effort at its forty-second 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 forty-first session,

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

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/59 of 13 March 1986,⁶²

1. *Authorizes* a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the forty-third 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-third 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

⁶⁸See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.