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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 February to 13 March 1987. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 2 February 1987.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda as noted by the Commission at its forty-second session is reproduced below (see E/1986/22, paras. 577-578).

Pre-session working groups

3. In accordance with previous decisions, the forty-third session of the Commission is expected to be preceded by meetings of five groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 8: the Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development (Commission resolution 1986/16, Economic and Social Council decision 1986/133) is expected to meet from 5 to 23 January 1987;

(b) Item 12: an open-ended working group established under Commission decision 1984/116 to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally

recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission resolution 1986/44, Council resolution 1986/37) is scheduled to meet from 26 to 30 January 1987;

(c) Item 12 (b): a working group composed of five members of the Commission to examine such particular situations as have been referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission decision 1986/109, Council decision 1986/142) is scheduled to meet from 26 to 30 January 1987;

(d) Item 13: an open-ended working group to facilitate the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child (Commission resolution 1986/59, Council resolution 1986/40) is scheduled to meet from 26 to 30 January 1987;

(e) Item 16: the Group of three members of the Commission appointed under article IX of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention (Commission resolution 1986/7) is scheduled to meet from 26 to 30 January 1987.

In-session working groups

4. At its forty-second session the Commission adopted decisions on in-session working groups as follows:

(a) In decision 1986/107, the Commission decided to consider at its forty-third session the possible establishment of an open-ended working group to continue the overall analysis with a view to the further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission, and alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) In resolution 1986/60, the Commission decided to establish at its forty-third session an open-ended working group to continue consideration of the revised draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, proposed by Yugoslavia, taking into account all relevant documents.

5. Any decisions or resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the forty-third session of the Commission, which may be taken by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in 1987, will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of the work of the session.
4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.
5. Question of human rights in Chile.
6. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts.
7. The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and others forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa.
8. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including:
 - (a) Problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; the right to development;
 - (b) The effects of the existing unjust international economic order on the economies of the developing countries, and the obstacle that this represents for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (c) Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights.
9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation.
10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:
 - (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 - (b) Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
 - (c) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances.
11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

12. 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, including:
 - (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;
 - (b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group established by the Commission at its forty-second session.
13. Question of a convention on the rights of the child.
14. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers.
15. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the question of conscientious objection to military service.
16. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.
17.
 - (a) Study in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination;
 - (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.
18. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights.
19. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-ninth session.*
20. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.
21. Advisory services in the field of human rights.
22. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
23. Election of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.*
24. Draft provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.
25. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the forty-third session of the Commission.

* See annotations to this item in E/CN.4/1987/1/Add.1