

field of human rights to Governments, at their request, within the framework of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to complete as soon as possible and to submit to the General Assembly, through the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council, a consolidated report, for eventual publication as a United Nations handbook, on national institutions for the use of Governments, including information on the various types and models of national and local institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights, taking into account differing social and legal systems;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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41/130. Development of public information activities in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights are necessary to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations set out in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations and that programmes of teaching, education and information are central to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling its relevant resolutions on this subject, in particular resolution 40/125 of 13 December 1985, and related resolutions in the field of human rights concerning international instruments and the activities of national institutions and regional arrangements,

Welcoming Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/54 of 13 March 1986 on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights,¹¹²

Recognizing the catalytic effect of United Nations initiatives on national and regional public information activities in the field of human rights,

Recognizing also the valuable role that non-governmental organizations can play in this field,

Believing that the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights²⁴ and the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights² should provide a focus and renewed impetus to the promotional activities of the United Nations system in the field of human rights,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights;¹¹²

2. *Requests* all Member States to publicize and to facilitate and encourage publicity for the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights and to accord priority to the dissemination, in their respective national and local languages, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other international conventions;

3. *Emphasizes* the need to make available United Nations materials on human rights in simplified, attractive and accessible form, in national and local languages, and to make effective use of the mass media and new audio-

visual technologies to reach a wider audience, with priority given to children, other young people and the disadvantaged, especially those in isolated areas;

4. *Calls upon* all relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies and the regional commissions, as well as Member States and non-governmental organizations, to assist further in the dissemination of United Nations materials on human rights;

5. *Recommends* that all Member States include in their educational curricula materials relevant to a comprehensive understanding of human rights issues;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to finalize work on a draft teaching booklet on basic human rights, taking into account any comments that may have been offered by Governments, and to draw the attention of Member States to this document, which could serve as a broad and flexible framework within which teaching could be structured and developed in accordance with national circumstances;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete as soon as possible the task of issuing the personalized version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the six official languages of the United Nations and to proceed thereafter, in co-operation with regional organizations and Governments, to the production of this document in national and local languages;

8. *Invites* Member States to consider nominating national focal points to which the Secretary-General could supply copies of relevant human rights materials to complement the existing means by which such materials are disseminated;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite work, within available resources, on building up collections of reference works and United Nations materials at each United Nations information centre, taking into account the list of basic reference works on human rights prepared by the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available, from the existing budget of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, appropriate funding for public information activities in the field of human rights, and to ensure that adequate arrangements are made for the storage and distribution of United Nations public information materials in this field;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the reprinting as soon as practicable of the publication entitled *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments*;¹¹³

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in his report to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-third session, information on the implementation of the present resolution, including a status report on the availability, in the official languages and in other languages, of the principal international instruments in the field of human rights and an assessment of the activities of the United Nations information centres in this field;

13. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-second session under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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¹¹² E/CN.4/1986/20 and Add.1-3.

¹¹³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.1.