

ommendation to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

*75th plenary meeting
17 December 1991*

46/140. Rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, including the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1992-1993

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Working Group on the Rationalization of the Work of the Third Committee;¹⁹²

2. *Reaffirms* the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and recommends further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1992-1993, as contained in annex II to the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw up the provisional agenda for the Third Committee at the forty-seventh session in accordance with the present resolution.

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ANNEX I

Further measures for the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME-LIMITS AND NUMBER OF STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations or on behalf of groups of delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 15 minutes. This time-limit will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

Introductory statements by Secretariat officials

3. In addition to the provisions contained in General Assembly resolution 45/175 concerning introductory statements by Secretariat officials, introductory statements should be made at the beginning of the discussion of an item.

Statements under the items entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination" and "Right of peoples to self-determination"

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/175, the above items are to be discussed jointly.

5. Delegations wishing to make two separate statements, i.e., one on each of the above items, may do so.

Statements under the item entitled "Social development: (a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family; (b) Crime prevention and criminal justice"

6. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/175, sub-items (a) and (b) are to be discussed separately.

7. Delegations wishing to make two separate statements under sub-item (a) may do so.

Statements under the item entitled "Human rights questions: (a) Implementation of human rights instruments; (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives"

8. In its resolution 45/175, the General Assembly recommended that sub-item (a) should be discussed separately and that sub-items (b) and (c) should be discussed jointly.

9. Delegations wishing to make two statements under this item may do so, but no statement should be made on any of the sub-items twice.

B. INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

10. Statements introducing draft resolutions should be as brief as possible.

C. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

11. Reports of all treaty bodies will, in accordance with their respective legislative mandates, be submitted to the General Assembly annually. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

D. DRAFT PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

12. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

E. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

13. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

14. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination¹⁹³

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination¹⁹³

Item 4. Social development:

(a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;¹⁹⁴

(b) Crime prevention and criminal justice¹⁹⁴

Item 5. Advancement of women

Item 6. Narcotic drugs

Item 8. Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;¹⁹⁵

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;¹⁹⁶

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives¹⁹⁶

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions:

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;¹⁹⁷

(b) Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;¹⁹⁷

(c) Humanitarian questions¹⁹⁷

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [item 12]

15. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

F. GENERAL GUIDELINES REGARDING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

16. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee agreed to in General Assembly resolution 45/175 and as reproduced below.

17. If a report is deemed necessary, clear indications should be given in the draft resolution regarding the contents, scope and nature of the report requested.

18. Delegations should be urged not to request the inscription of a separate item on the agenda if the subject-matter can be dealt with under the existing agenda items as indicated in resolution 45/175.

19. With a view to ensuring adequate time for the proper consideration by the Third Committee of draft proposals, delegations are encouraged to circulate their draft texts as early as possible.

20. In this connection, delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in resolution 45/175 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below:¹⁹⁸

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

—Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Biennial

Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist regime of South Africa (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of people to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 4. Social development

(a) *Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

World social situation¹⁹⁹

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (biennially after end of Decade in 1992)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities (biennially after 1993)

International Literacy Year (1995)

Biennial

Achievement of social justice (even years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (even years)

National experience in promoting the cooperative movement (even years)

Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights (odd years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family, 1994 (1993 and 1994; thereafter, biennially, if necessary)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (even years)

(b) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Crime prevention and criminal justice (odd years)

Quinquennial

Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (1995)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Annual

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

National experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 6. Narcotic drugs

Annual

Implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking (1992)²⁰⁰

United Nations International Drug Control Programme (1992)²⁰⁰

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

(a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(b) *Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons*

Annual

International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa

International Conference on Central American Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

(c) *Humanitarian questions*

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Promotion of international cooperation in the humanitarian field (even years)

Humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters and similar emergency situations (even years)

Item 8. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments of human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (biennially after the adoption of a declaration thereon)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

World Conference on Human Rights

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Non-discrimination and protection of minorities (1992)²⁰⁰

Human rights and extreme poverty (1992)²⁰⁰

International Year for the World's Indigenous People (1992, 1993 and 1994)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity [to be determined]

Biennial

Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others and its contribution to the economic and social development of Member States (even years)

Summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Development of public information activities in the field of human rights (even years)

International cooperation in solving international problems of a social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1992-1993

1992²⁰¹

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 46/85, para. 24)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965 and 46/83, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) and 45/89 of 14 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 46/83, paras. 10 and 11)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist regime of South Africa (resolution 45/84 of 14 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities relating to the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 46/85, paras. 16 and 24)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolutions 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 and 46/84, para. 11)

Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa (Economic and Social Council decision 1991/237 of 31 May 1991)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 46/88, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 46/89, para. 10)

Item 4. Social development²⁰²(a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family^{203, 204, 205}

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

In its resolution 46/96, paragraph 19, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council at its next session to give its views on the continuation of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with new terms of reference in response to General Assembly resolution 45/91 of 14 December 1990, and to submit its recommendations to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

In its resolution 46/139, paragraph 5, the General Assembly called upon the Economic and Social Council, after considering the report of the Secretary-General requested by Council decision 1991/230 of 30 May 1991, concerning the possibility of convening a world summit for social development, to make an appropriate recommendation to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (resolution 44/58 of 8 December 1989, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the policies and programmes involving youth (resolution 45/103 of 14 December 1990, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing: integration of the elderly in development (resolution 46/94, para. 22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (resolution 46/96, para. 21)

(b) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on, *inter alia*, international cooperation in combating organized crime (resolutions 44/71 of 8 December 1989, para. 3, and 45/123 of 14 December 1990, para. 3)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (resolution 46/152, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 46/153, para. 3)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 of 14 December 1990, para. 4)

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 46/97)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (resolution 46/98, para. 30)

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive study of the barriers to the advancement of women and an action programme for the advancement of women in the Secretariat for the period 1991-1995 (resolution 46/100, para. 5)

Item 6. *Narcotic drugs*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on:
—Appointment of a Coordinator for the United Nations Decade against Drug Abuse, 1991-2000 (resolution 46/103, sect. I, para. 11)
—Economic and social consequences of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (resolution 46/103, sect. II, para. 3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 45/146 of 18 December 1990, para. 7)

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (resolutions 46/102, para. 5, and 46/101, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking (resolution 46/103, sect. I, para. 23)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (resolution 46/104, para. 11)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

(a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(b) *Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Central American Refugees (resolution 46/107, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 46/108, para. 11)

(c) *Humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters and similar emergency situations (resolution 45/100 of 14 December 1990, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (resolution 45/101 of 14 December 1990, para. 5)

Item 8. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (decision 46/428)

Report of the Human Rights Committee

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 45/152 of 18 December 1990, para. 5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights, to contain the following:

- (i) Financing and adequate staffing resources for the operations of human rights treaty bodies (resolution 46/111, para. 6 (b));
- (ii) Financial, legal and other implications of providing full funding for the operation of all human rights treaty bodies (resolution 46/111, para. 10);
- (iii) Conclusions and recommendations of the meetings of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies, in the light of the deliberations of the Commission on Human Rights (resolution 46/111, para. 14)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolutions 44/25 of 20 November 1989 and 46/112, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (resolution 46/112, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 46/114, para. 6)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights (resolution 45/99 of 14 December 1990, para. 16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (see decision 45/433 of 18 December 1990)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights (resolutions 45/155 of 18 December 1990 and 46/116, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 45/167 of 18 December 1990, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the views of Member States on General Assembly resolution 43/124 regarding the impact of property on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (see decision 45/427 of 14 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (resolution 45/168 of 18 December 1990, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (resolution 46/115, para. 2)

- Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat and on the measures to implement General Assembly resolution 46/118 (resolution 46/118, para. 3)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development (resolution 46/123, para. 8)
- Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 46/127, paras. 20-22)
- Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (resolution 46/130, para. 11)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 46/137, on the experience of the Organization in providing electoral assistance to requesting Member States and recommendations for providing such assistance, on the detailed guidelines and terms of reference being developed for United Nations electoral involvement and on the nature and disposition of the requests from Member States (resolution 46/137, para. 18)
- Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested*
- Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others and its contribution to the economic and social development of Member States (resolution 45/98 of 14 December 1990, para. 6)
- International cooperation in solving international problems of a social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolution 45/169 of 18 December 1990, para. 9)
- Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolution 46/117, para. 13)
- Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 46/121, para. 6)
- Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (resolution 46/131, para. 17)
- (c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on:—Situation of human rights in Iraq (resolution 46/134, para. 8)
—Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (resolution 46/136, para. 21)
- Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested*
- Situation in Myanmar (resolution 46/132, para. 4)
- Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador (resolution 46/133, para. 10)
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- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 46/85, para. 24)
- Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965 and 46/83, para. 11)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the activities relating to the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 46/85, para. 24)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolutions 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 and 46/84, para. 11)
- Item 3. *Right of peoples to self-determination*
- No advance documentation requested.
- Item 4. *Social development*
- (a) *Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*
- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- Report on the world social situation (resolutions 44/56 of 8 December 1989 and 46/95)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (resolution 46/90, para. 13)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of the Family (resolution 46/92, para. 14)
- (b) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*
- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on, *inter alia*, international cooperation in combating organized crime (resolutions 44/71 of 8 December 1989, para. 3. and 45/123 of 14 December 1990, para. 3)
- Item 5. *Advancement of women*
- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 of 14 December 1990, para. 4)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (resolution 44/78 of 8 December 1989, para. 4)
- Annual report of the Secretary-General on progress and future strategies to implement action programmes on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (resolution 44/75 of 8 December 1989, para. 6)
- Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 46/97)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 46/99, para. 9)
- Item 6. *Narcotic drugs*
- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 45/146 of 18 December 1990, para. 7)
- Annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (resolution 46/102, para. 5)
- Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*
- (a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*
- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
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- (b) *Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons*
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- Item 8. *Human rights questions*
- (a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*
- Documentation*
- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984)
- Report of the Human Rights Committee

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (resolution 46/113, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981)

- (b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on, *inter alia*, popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights (resolution 44/53 of 8 December 1989, para. 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (see decision 45/433 of 18 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 46/120, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (resolution 46/124, para. 15)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (resolution 46/126, para. 6)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the human rights field through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolution 46/129)

- (c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

46/152. Creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the scope of criminality and by the dangers posed to the welfare of all nations by the rising incidence of crime generally and by the many forms of criminal activity that have international dimensions,

Alarmed also by the high cost of crime in both human and material terms, especially in its new and transnational forms, and aware of the effects of crime both on States and on individual victims,

Recalling that, in its resolution 45/108 of 14 December 1990, it decided to establish an intergovernmental working group to produce a report elaborating proposals for an effective crime prevention and criminal justice programme and suggesting how that programme could most appropriately be implemented,

Acknowledging with appreciation the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Creation of an Effective International Crime and Justice Programme,²⁰⁷ which met at Vienna from 5 to 9 August 1991,

Acknowledging with appreciation also the work of the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, held in Paris from 21 to 23 November 1991,²⁰⁸

Recognizing that criminality is a major concern of all nations and that it calls for a concerted response from the international community aimed at preventing crime and recidivism, improving the functioning of criminal justice and law enforcement, and increasing respect for individual rights,

Acknowledging that a United Nations programme de-

voted to crime prevention and criminal justice can only be effective with the direct involvement of Member States,

Convinced that the principal purpose of such a programme should be to provide practical assistance to States in combating both national and transnational crime,

Noting the principles contained in the Milan Plan of Action²⁰⁹ and the Guiding Principles for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Context of Development and a New International Economic Order,²¹⁰ as well as other pertinent instruments formulated by United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and approved by the General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions in which it stressed the importance of the Commission on Human Rights and the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat with regard to respect for human rights in the administration of justice,

Recognizing the urgent need to promote and intensify international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, and the fact that this cooperation can be effective only if it is executed with the direct participation of the receiving States, with due respect for their needs and priorities,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme;²⁰⁸

2. *Approves* the statement of principles and programme of action, annexed to the present resolution, recommending the establishment of a United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

3. *Supports* a clearer definition of the mandate of the programme with regard to crime prevention and criminal justice, under the aegis and guidance of the United Nations, whose aim will be to respond to the most pressing priorities and needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give a high level of priority within the United Nations framework, and within the overall existing United Nations resources, to the activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

5. *Decides* that the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme shall be devoted to providing States with practical assistance, such as data collection, information and experience sharing, and training, in order to achieve the goals of preventing crime within and among States and of improving the response to crime;

6. *Invites* Member States to give their political and financial support and to take measures that will ensure the implementation of the provisions of the statement of principles and programme of action as they relate to the strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in terms of its structure, content and priorities;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action within the overall existing United Nations resources in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the United Nations and to provide appropriate resources for the effective functioning of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in accordance with the principles outlined in the statement of principles and programme of action;

8. *Urges* all entities of the United Nations system, in-