

tropic Substances, 1971, to take steps to accede to these instruments in order to achieve their universal application and requests the Secretary-General to transmit this appeal to all Governments concerned;

2. *Invites* Governments to co-operate fully with the International Narcotics Control Board and to supply such information as may be necessary to enable it to make meaningful long-range studies and projections designed to promote the maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic raw materials and the legitimate demand for medical and scientific purposes;

3. *Supports* the Board's appeal to States to improve their reporting machinery, with the assistance of the Board, so that they may provide full and prompt information to the Board, thereby enabling it to perform effectively its functions under the relevant treaties;

4. *Urges* Governments to support the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to provide complete data and information to the Secretary-General in their annual reports and individual seizure reports as required under the relevant treaties and in response to the Secretary-General's request, and to inform him also without specific requests of any new developments, trends and measures discernible in the drug field which could be of importance or relevance to improved international drug control;

5. *Invites* Governments, in co-operation with competent bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to increase their joint efforts to eradicate illicit or uncontrolled cultivation of narcotic plants and illicit or uncontrolled manufacture of psychotropic substances in order to ensure a continuing equilibrium between licit supply and licit demand, and to avoid unforeseen imbalances caused by sales of seized and confiscated drugs;

6. *Calls* for more extensive and effective efforts of Governments, in co-operation with competent bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in order to facilitate appropriate designing and implementation of programmes aimed at eradicating illicit demand for and illicit marketing of drugs and at furthering exchange of experience and information among scientists and experts from various nations who are actively engaged in this field;

7. *Reiterates* its appeal to Governments for increased and sustained contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and to all international and multilateral organizations and institutions to co-operate with and to support financially the United Nations efforts undertaken through drug control programmes;

8. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to undertake at its twenty-eighth session the finalization and implementation of the comprehensive programme of international drug abuse control strategy and policies and requests the Secretary-General to assist the Commission in the implementation of this programme, the progress of which should be monitored by the Commission to ensure that, if necessary, appropriate adjustments in the programme can be made to enable it to meet new requirements of international drug control which might arise out of new developments concerning various aspects of the drug problem;

9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give at its first regular session of 1979 due consideration to these questions.

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33/169. Protection of the human rights of arrested or detained trade union activists

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/121 of 16 December 1977 regarding the protection of the human rights of persons who are detained in respect of offences which they have committed, or are suspected of having committed, by reason of their political opinions or convictions,

Noting that one important category of prisoners falling within the ambit of resolution 32/121 is that of those who have been arrested or detained in connexion with their trade union activities,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/21 of 5 May 1978 regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa,

Having regard, in this context, not only to articles 5, 10 and 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁸⁹ but also to article 20 of the Declaration, which provides that everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association,

Having regard also to article 8 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁹⁰ and to article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁹⁰ which provide that everyone shall have the right to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of his interests,

Further having regard to International Labour Organisation Convention No. 87 of 9 July 1948 concerning the freedom of association and protection of the right to organize,⁹¹

Recognizing the important work done by the International Labour Organisation in order to promote trade union rights and to take appropriate action in concrete cases of persons arrested, detained or exiled by reason of their trade union activities,

Lending its support to the efforts of the International Labour Organisation in this regard,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of protecting the right to freedom of association as an essential prerequisite for the conduct of any trade union activities;

2. *Recommends* that special attention should be paid to the violations of the right to freedom of association consisting of the arrest, detention or exile of persons who have engaged in trade union activities consistent with the principles of freedom of association;

3. *Requests* Member States:

(a) To release any persons who, within their jurisdiction and contrary to the provisions of the

⁸⁹ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁹⁰ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹¹ See International Labour Organisation, *Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference, 1919-1966* (Geneva, International Labour Office, 1966).

above-mentioned international instruments, may be under arrest or detention on account of trade union activities;

(b) To ensure that, pending the release of such persons, their fundamental rights are fully protected, including the right not to be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the right to receive a fair hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal in the determination of any criminal charge against them;

(c) To take effective measures to safeguard and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of trade union leaders who are detained or imprisoned as a result of their struggle against colonialism, aggression and foreign occupation and for self-determination, independence, the elimination of *apartheid* and all forms of racial discrimination and racism, and for the termination of all these violations of human rights.

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33/170. International Year for Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976, in which it proclaimed the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons,

Recalling also its resolution 32/133 of 16 December 1977, in which, *inter alia*, it:

(a) Decided to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Year for Disabled Persons, composed of the representatives of fifteen Member States to be appointed, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, by the Chairman of the Third Committee, in concurrence with the regional groups,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee no later than March 1979 at the Headquarters of the United Nations,

Taking into consideration the fact that it has not yet been possible to proceed to the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee on the basis of the formula laid down in General Assembly resolution 32/133,

Convinced of the necessity of ensuring that the Advisory Committee can be convened by the date specified in resolution 32/133,

1. Decides that the Advisory Committee for the International Year for Disabled Persons shall be composed of the representatives of twenty-three Member States to be appointed, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, by the Chairman of the Third Committee, in concurrence with the regional groups;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary information activities for the International Year for Disabled Persons are initiated, starting from 1 January 1979, and to make the requisite financial provisions.

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The Chairman of the Third Committee subsequently informed the Secretary-General⁹² that, in accordance with para-

graph 1 of the above resolution, she had appointed the members of the Advisory Committee for the International Year for Disabled Persons.

As a result, the Advisory Committee is composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, CANADA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, INDIA, KENYA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, OMAN, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VIET NAM, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAIRE.

33/171. United Nations Yearbook on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II) of 21 June 1946, in accordance with which the *United Nations Yearbook on Human Rights* was established,

Conscious that many developments have taken place since the *Yearbook* was initially established, as a result of which the objectives, contents and format of the *Yearbook* may now be in need of modification,

Mindful that the Human Rights Committee has expressed the wish to have some of its documents recorded in a yearbook,

1. Requests the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session to review the objectives, contents and format of the *United Nations Yearbook on Human Rights* with a view to framing appropriate recommendations as to the need for modifications, such as the inclusion therein of appropriate documents of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and of other important documents on human rights in order to enhance its wider dissemination of information relating to human rights;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session suggestions for new contents and format for the *Yearbook*.

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33/172. Missing persons in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3450 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 32/128 of 16 December 1977 on the missing persons in Cyprus,

Regretting the delay in the implementation of those resolutions,

1. Urges the establishment of an investigatory body under the chairmanship of a representative of the Secretary-General with the co-operation of the International Committee of the Red Cross, which would be in a position to function impartially, effectively and speedily so as to resolve the problem without undue delay; the representative of the Secretary-General shall be empowered, in case of disagreement, to reach a binding independent opinion which shall be implemented;

⁹² A/33/550.