

of missing and disappeared persons in Chile, taking into account the views on this subject expressed by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group in its report;

8. *Urges* the Chilean authorities to co-operate with the Special Rapporteur;

9. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on action taken in compliance with the present resolution.

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**33/176. Importance of the experience of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXXI) of 27 February 1975,<sup>107</sup> in which it established the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile, and resolutions 3 (XXXII) of 19 February 1976,<sup>108</sup> 9 (XXXIII) of 9 March 1977<sup>109</sup> and 12 (XXXIV) of 6 March 1978<sup>110</sup> of the Commission, by which it extended the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group,

*Welcoming* the fact that the *Ad Hoc* Working Group was finally able to travel to Chile and carry out, on the spot, an investigation of the human rights situation in that country in accordance with its mandate,

*Aware* of the importance of this experience in the framework of United Nations activities, when dealing with consistent patterns of gross violations of human rights,

1. *Expresses its great appreciation* to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile for the careful and objective manner in which it carried out its mandate;

2. *Draws the attention* of the Commission on Human Rights to the importance of the experience of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group in view of the Commission's future action, when dealing with consistent patterns of gross violations of human rights.

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**33/177. Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 32/136 of 16 December 1977,

*Reiterating* its conviction that the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination

<sup>107</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635)*, chap. XXIII, sect. A.

<sup>108</sup> *Ibid.*, *Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5768)*, chap. XX, sect. A.

<sup>109</sup> *Ibid.*, *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI, sect. A.

<sup>110</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI, sect. A.

against Women and its entry into force will contribute to the implementation of the principal objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Convinced* that the adoption of the Convention and its entry into force will contribute to the achievement of equality between men and women,

*Taking into account* the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, to be held in 1980,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Working Group of the Whole on the Drafting of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women<sup>111</sup> established by the Third Committee;

2. *Recommends* that a working group be established at the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly and be provided with adequate facilities to enable it to complete its task, to consider the final provisions of the draft Convention and to reconsider the articles which have not yet been completed with a view to the adoption of the draft Convention at the thirty-fourth session;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled "Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women".

*90th plenary meeting  
20 December 1978*

**33/178. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that 1978 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>112</sup>

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

*Recalling* its resolution 32/62 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the light of the principles embodied in the Declaration,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/63 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General to draw up and circulate among Member States a questionnaire soliciting information concerning steps they had taken, including legislative and administrative measures, to put into practice the principles of the Declaration,

*Recalling further* its resolution 32/64 of 8 December 1977, in which it called upon Member States to reinforce their support of the Declaration by making unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Commission on Human Rights on the drafting of a con-

<sup>111</sup> A/C.3/33/L.47 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.1 and Corr.1 and Add.2 and Corr.1 (subsequently issued as A/34/60).

<sup>112</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

vention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;<sup>113</sup>

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council decision 1978/24 of 5 May 1978, by which the Council authorized a working group open to all members of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for one week immediately before its thirty-fifth session with the task of preparing concrete drafting proposals for a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, on the basis of the relevant documents of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission and any comments received from Governments;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-fifth session, to give high priority to the question of drafting a convention on torture;

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>114</sup> called for under General Assembly resolution 32/63, containing replies to the questionnaire;

5. *Calls upon* Member States which have not yet done so to reply to the questionnaire, as called for under resolution 32/63;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session further information provided in response to the questionnaire, and to submit all the information available which he has received to the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

7. *Takes note also* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>115</sup> called for under General Assembly resolution 32/64, containing unilateral declarations;

8. *Invites* Member States which have not yet done so to deposit the unilateral declarations with the Secretary-General, as called for under resolution 32/64;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in annual reports, of such further unilateral declarations which may be deposited by Member States;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" for the purpose of reviewing the progress achieved under this item.

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### 33/179. Draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3453 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, in which it requested the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to elaborate a code of conduct for law enforcement officials,

*Further recalling* its decision 32/419 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials<sup>116</sup> for their examination and comments,

<sup>113</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34), chap. VIII.

<sup>114</sup> A/33/196 and Add.1-3.

<sup>115</sup> A/33/197.

<sup>116</sup> See A/32/138, annex.

*Commending* the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on the work done by it at its fourth session with a view to the elaboration of the code of conduct for law enforcement officials,<sup>117</sup>

*Convinced* of the importance of providing the citizenry served by law enforcement officials with protection of all their rights and interests,

*Having taken into account* the report of the Secretary-General on the draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials,<sup>118</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the results of the open-ended informal working group which met during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly as set out in the annex to the present resolution and requests the Secretary-General to transmit them to Member States for their consideration;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the annex to the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment";

3. *Recommends* that a working group should be established at the beginning of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly to continue elaboration of the draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and requests the Secretary-General to allocate sufficient staff and resources to enable it to complete its task;

4. *Expresses the hope* that the draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials will be adopted by the General Assembly during its thirty-fourth session.

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#### ANNEX

##### Draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the purposes proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations include the achievement of international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Recalling*, in particular, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>119</sup> and the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>120</sup>

*Recalling also* the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

*Mindful* that the nature of the functions of law enforcement in the defence of public order and the manner in which these functions are exercised have a direct impact on the quality of life of individuals as well as of society as a whole,

*Conscious* of the important task which law enforcement officials are performing diligently and with dignity, in compliance with the principles of human rights,

*Aware*, nevertheless, of the potential for abuse which the exercise of such duties entails,

*Recognizing* that the establishment of a code of conduct for law enforcement officials is only one of several important

<sup>117</sup> See E/CN.5/536, chap. V.

<sup>118</sup> A/33/215 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

<sup>119</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>120</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.