

fulfilment of his mandate, including, as appropriate, assistance from consultants with specialized knowledge of the subject.

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1993/45. Monitoring the transition to democracy in South Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,
Recalling its resolution 1992/3 of 20 July 1992,*

Noting the statement of the Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Ahmed Khalifa, in presenting his last report,¹²¹ that in the light of recent events the list of institutions giving support to the South African regime should be discontinued,

Noting also that it is of paramount importance to monitor the process towards democracy and social justice in South Africa,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Ahmed Khalifa, for his considerable contribution to the cause of eliminating the policy of apartheid;

2. Expresses its thanks to all Governments and organizations that provided the Special Rapporteur with information;

3. Authorizes the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Ms. Judith Sefi Attah with the task of submitting annually a report on the transition to democracy in South Africa and including therein:

(a) Steps taken in accordance with international human rights instruments to prevent violence between different groups in South Africa;

(b) Steps taken to investigate the alleged involvement of the South African security forces in fomenting violence and how this problem is being addressed;

(c) Steps taken to ensure equal political participation for all South Africans, including those removed under the apartheid system to the so-called homelands;

(d) Steps taken to ensure the enjoyment by all South Africans, without discrimination, of economic and social rights;

(e) An analysis of the obstacles preventing the democratization of South Africa and ways and means of eliminating them;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to extend to Ms. Attah, the Special Rapporteur, all the assistance that she may require in the exercise of her mandate.

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1993/46. Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/34 of 5 March 1993,⁷⁸

1. Authorizes the open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fiftieth session of the Commission with a view to continuing the elaboration of the draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to extend to the working group all necessary facilities for its meetings and to transmit the report of the working group¹²² to Governments, the specialized agencies, the chairmen of the human rights treaty bodies, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

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1993/47. Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/92 of 10 March 1993,⁷⁸

1. Authorizes the open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fiftieth session of the Commission in order to continue its work on the elaboration of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities to the working group for its meetings;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the working group,¹²³ including the text of the draft declaration adopted at first reading,¹²⁴ to the Governments of all States Members of the United Nations and members of competent specialized agencies and to interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, with an invitation to submit written comments on the text adopted on first reading for consideration by the working group at its forthcoming session.

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1993/48. Suppression of the traffic in persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1982/20 of 10 March 1982¹²⁵ on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of apartheid and colonialism, resolutions 1988/42 of 8 March 1988,¹²⁶ 1989/35 of 6 March 1989,¹¹⁸ 1990/63 of 7 March 1990,¹¹⁹ 1991/58 of 6 March 1991¹²⁰ and 1992/47 of 3 March 1992⁹⁹ on the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, taking note of Commission resolution 1993/27 of 5 March 1993⁷⁸ and decision 1993/112 of 10 March 1993,¹²⁷ also on the report of the