

31/123. International Year for Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its deep-rooted faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms, the principles of peace, the dignity and worth of the human person and the promotion of social justice, as proclaimed by the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 2856 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons,

Recalling its resolution 3447 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 31/82 of 13 December 1976 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons,

1. *Proclaims* the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons, with the theme "full participation";

2. *Decides* to devote that year to the realization of a set of objectives, including:

(a) Helping disabled persons in their physical and psychological adjustment to society;

(b) Promoting all national and international efforts to provide disabled persons with proper assistance, training, care and guidance, to make available to them opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their full integration in society;

(c) Encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled persons in daily life, for example by improving their access to public buildings and transportation systems;

(d) Educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to various aspects of economic, social and political life;

(e) Promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled persons;

3. *Invites* all Member States and the organizations concerned to give their attention to the establishment of measures and programmes to implement the objectives of the International Year for Disabled Persons;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and the organizations concerned, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "International Year for Disabled Persons".

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31/124. Protection of human rights in Chile

The General Assembly,

Reiterating its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recalling that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁴¹ everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person and the right not to be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile, or to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

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

Considering that, in its resolution 3448 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, the General Assembly expressed its profound distress at the constant and flagrant violations of human rights which have taken place and continue to take place in Chile, including the institutionalized practice of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, arbitrary arrest, detention and exile,

Reaffirming once more its condemnation of all forms of torture and of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Considering that its previous appeals to the Chilean authorities and, likewise, appeals by the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the restoration and safeguarding of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile have hitherto remained unheeded,

Bearing in mind resolutions 8 (XXXI) of 27 February 1975⁴² and 3 (XXXII) of 19 February 1976⁴³ of the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking into account resolution 3 B (XXIX) of 31 August 1976⁴⁴ of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Having considered the reports of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile,⁴⁵ as well as the documents submitted by the Chilean authorities,⁴⁶

Taking note of the statement by the Chilean authorities of 16 November 1976, brought to the attention of the General Assembly by a letter from the Permanent Representative of Chile,⁴⁷

Commending the Chairman and the members of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group for the thorough and objective manner in which the report was prepared, despite the refusal of the Chilean authorities to permit the Group to visit the country in accordance with its mandate,

Concluding that constant and flagrant violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms continue to take place in Chile,

1. *Expresses its profound indignation* that constant and flagrant violations of human rights have taken

⁴¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635)*, chap. XXIII, sect. A.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, *Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5768)*, chap. XX, sect. A.

⁴⁴ See E/CN.4/1218, chap. XVII, part A.

⁴⁵ A/10285, annex; A/31/253, annex.

⁴⁶ A/C.3/31/4-6 and A/C.3/31/6/Add.1.

⁴⁷ A/C.3/31/11.

place and continue to take place in Chile, in particular the institutionalized practice of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, the disappearance of persons for political reasons, arbitrary arrest, detention, exile and cases of deprivation of Chilean nationality;

2. *Calls once more upon* the Chilean authorities to restore and safeguard, without delay, basic human rights and fundamental freedoms and fully to respect provisions of the international instruments to which Chile is a party and, to this end:

(a) To cease using the state of siege or emergency for the purpose of violating human rights and fundamental freedoms and, having regard to the observations by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile, to re-examine the basis on which the state of siege or emergency is applied with a view to its termination;

(b) To put an end to the practice of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment by Chilean State agencies, particularly the Dirección de Inteligencia Nacional, and to prosecute and punish those who are responsible;

(c) To clarify forthwith the status of individuals whose disappearance is attributable to political reasons;

(d) To release immediately those who have been arbitrarily arrested or detained without charge and those who are in prison solely for political reasons;

(e) To release, furthermore, those who are detained or imprisoned on account of acts or omissions which did not constitute a criminal offence at the time they were committed;

(f) To guarantee fully the right of *habeas corpus* (*amparo*);

(g) To cease the arbitrary deprivation of Chilean nationality and to restore it to those who have been so deprived;

(h) To respect the right of everyone to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of his interests;

(i) To guarantee the right to intellectual freedom;

3. *Deplores* the fact that, despite previous assurances to the contrary, the Chilean authorities persistently refuse to allow the *Ad Hoc* Working Group to visit the country in accordance with its mandate;

4. *Invites* Member States, United Nations agencies and other international organizations to take steps which they may consider appropriate as a contribution to the restoration and safeguarding of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and welcomes the steps already taken to this end;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To extend the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group, as presently constituted, so as to enable it to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session, and to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session, with such additional information as may be necessary;

(b) To formulate recommendations on possible humanitarian, legal and financial aid to those arbitrarily

arrested or imprisoned, to those forced to leave the country and to their relatives;

(c) To consider the consequences of the various forms of aid extended to the Chilean authorities;

6. *Requests* the President of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to assist in any way they may consider appropriate in the re-establishment of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile.

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31/125. Accession to and implementation of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3443 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 concerning the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances⁴⁸ and its resolution 3445 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 on adequate priority for narcotics control,

Noting with satisfaction that the Convention entered into force on 16 August 1976,

Convinced that that event constitutes an important step towards the establishment of effective international control of the licit trade and the prevention of the illicit traffic in psychotropic substances through prompt and satisfactory implementation of the provisions of the Convention at the national and international levels,

Recognizing that, in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1576 (L) of 20 May 1971, many States have already applied provisionally the control measures provided for in the Convention and have voluntarily co-operated with one another and with the international drug control bodies, particularly by furnishing pertinent information, a course of action which should be continued,

Aware, however, that complete and effective control requires universal accession to the Convention and, in particular, the accession of countries in which psychotropic substances are manufactured,

Realizing that the Convention imposes substantial additional responsibilities on the drug control bodies of the United Nations and on the World Health Organization,

1. *Reiterates its appeal* to all States not yet parties to the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances promptly to take the necessary steps to accede to it and requests the Secretary-General to transmit this appeal to the Governments concerned;

2. *Appeals* to all parties to the Convention and to the international drug control bodies to implement its provisions by adopting suitable legislative and administrative measures as provided for in the Convention;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the World Health Organization to take into consideration the responsibilities assigned to the drug control bodies of the United Nations and to the World

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.3), part four.