

## 1978/14. Advisory services in the field of human rights

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 and 32/123 of 16 December 1977,

Further recalling its decision 146 (LX) of 12 May 1976, in which it requested the General Assembly to enable the Secretary-General to continue to organize world-wide and regional seminars on human rights,

1. *Requests* that, commencing with the 1980-1981 programme budget, the financing of the advisory services programme in the field of human rights should be arranged as a part of the budget of the human rights programme of the United Nations;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to organize at least two seminars and one training course annually and also to grant at least twenty-five fellowships each year, giving special attention to the needs of the developing countries;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to supplement the number of seminars, fellowships and training courses possible under the advisory services programme in the regular budget of the United Nations by arranging for additional seminars, fellowships and training courses which would be financed by Governments willing to do so;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report to the Commission on Human Rights information on the implementation of the present resolution.

*15th plenary meeting  
5 May 1978*

## 1978/15. Establishment of a trust fund for Chile

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Taking note of resolution 13 (XXXIV) of 6 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>42</sup>

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolutions 31/124 of 16 December 1976 and 32/118 of 16 December 1977 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/15 of 5 May 1978 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 13 (XXXIV) of 6 March 1978,

"1. *Decides* to establish a voluntary fund, called the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile, administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations by the Secretary-General with the advice of a Board of Trustees, composed of a chairman and four members with wide experience of the situation in Chile, to be appointed by the Secretary-General with due regard to equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with their Governments, to serve for a three-year term, to receive contributions and distribute, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons whose human rights have been violated by detention or imprisonment in Chile, to those forced to leave the country and to relatives of persons in the above-mentioned categories;

"2. *Adopts* the arrangements for the management of the Fund set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

<sup>42</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI.

"3. *Authorizes* the Board of Trustees to promote and solicit contributions and pledges;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to put into immediate effect the provisions of the present resolution and to give the Board of Trustees all the assistance it may require;

"5. *Appeals* to Member States to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund.

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### "ANNEX

#### "Arrangements for the management of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile

"1. The Secretary-General shall apply the arrangements set forth below for the management of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile.

#### "A. SOLICITATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLEDGES AND COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

"2. The Controller, in consultation with the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and the Director of the Division of Human Rights and with the advice of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, shall determine the procedures for soliciting voluntary contributions to the Fund.

"3. Any prospective donor desiring to make a voluntary contribution to the Fund shall submit a written proposal to the Secretary-General. The request for acceptance should contain all relevant information including the amount of the proposed contribution, the currency and the timing of payments.

"4. The proposal, with the comments, *inter alia*, of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and the Director of the Division of Human Rights, shall be forwarded to the Controller, for determination that the proposal is acceptable under the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, including the determination of whether or not any proposed gift or donation might directly or indirectly involve additional financial liability for the Organization. Before acceptance of any gift or donation involving such liability, the Controller shall request and obtain the approval of the General Assembly.

"5. The Controller shall acknowledge all pledges and shall determine the bank account or accounts in which contributions to the Fund should be deposited. He shall be responsible for collecting contributions and following up on payments of contributions pledged.

"6. The Controller may accept contributions in such currencies as he deems usable by the Fund or readily convertible into usable currencies.

#### "B. OPERATION AND CONTROL

"7. The Controller shall ensure that the operation and control of the Fund shall be in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations. He may delegate responsibility for the operation and administration of the Fund to the heads of departments or offices designated by the Secretary-General to execute activities financed by the Fund. Only officials so designated may authorize the execution of specific activities to be financed by the Fund.

"8. In respect of activities conducted by the United Nations, requests for allotments of funds shall be submitted to the Controller by the Director of the Division of Human Rights accompanied by such supporting information as the Controller may require. After review, allotments to provide for expenditures of the funds received shall be issued by the Director of the Budget Division, and certifying officers for the Fund shall be designated by the Controller in accordance with established procedures.

"9. The Controller shall be responsible for the reporting of the financial transactions of the Fund and shall issue quarterly statements of assets, liabilities and unencumbered Fund balance, income and expenditure.