

"10. The Fund shall be audited by both the Internal Audit Service and the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

"C. REPORTING

"11. An annual report showing funds available, pledges and payments received and the expenditures made from the Fund shall be prepared by the Controller and submitted to the General Assembly and, as appropriate, to the Commission on Human Rights."

**1978/16. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1418 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 concerning the study of the protection of minorities,

Taking note of resolution 14 (XXIV) of 6 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>43</sup> on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Francesco Capotorti, Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, for his valuable study on the question;<sup>44</sup>

2. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange for the printing of the Special Rapporteur's study and to disseminate it as widely as possible.

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5 May 1978*

**1978/17. Body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 1975,<sup>45</sup> and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993 (LX) of 12 May 1976, by which the Council called upon all Governments fully to observe and implement the Declaration,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 3453 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to study, *inter alia*, the formulation of a body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment, and 31/85 of 13 December 1976, by which the Assembly requested the Commission to submit a comprehensive report on the elaboration of the said body of principles to it at its thirty-third session,

Bearing in mind resolution 10 (XXXII) of 5 March 1976 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>46</sup> by which the Commission invited the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to draw up a draft body of principles,

Mindful of resolution 8 (XXXIII) of 4 March 1977 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>47</sup> by which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission to present to it at its thirty-fourth session a comprehensive report on the elaboration of the said body of principles,

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>44</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/384 and Add.1-7.

<sup>45</sup> General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.

<sup>46</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5768)*, chap. XX.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI.

Noting that the Sub-Commission at its thirtieth session discussed a draft body of principles<sup>48</sup> prepared by the Special Rapporteur, Eric Nettel, and, in its resolution 8 (XXX),<sup>49</sup> recommended that the Commission should request the Council to authorize the Chairman of the Sub-Commission to appoint a working group of five of its members, to meet for not more than five working days prior to the thirty-first session of the Sub-Commission, to prepare a revised draft body of principles for consideration at that session,

1. Authorizes the Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint a working group of five of its members to meet for not more than five working days prior to the thirty-first session of the Sub-Commission to prepare a revised draft body of principles for consideration at that session;

2. Requests the Sub-Commission to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session a comprehensive report with a draft body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment.

*15th plenary meeting  
5 May 1978*

**1978/18. Question of a convention on the rights of the child**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Having in mind the fact that the General Assembly, by its resolution 31/169 of 21 December 1976, proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child.

Bearing in mind that since the adoption by the General Assembly of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child<sup>50</sup> nineteen years have elapsed, during which period States Members of the United Nations have taken into account in the formulation of their socio-economic policies the principles of that Declaration,

Conscious of the need further to strengthen the comprehensive care and the well-being of children all over the world,

Aware of the special need to assist children in the developing countries in a manner consistent with the goals of the new international economic order,

Having in mind the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>51</sup> in particular its articles 23 and 24, as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>52</sup> in particular its article 10,

Taking note of resolution 20 (XXIV) of 8 March 1978 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>52</sup>

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the initiative taken by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session with a view to the conclusion of a convention on the rights of the child and to its adoption by the General Assembly, if possible during the International Year of the Child;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly that it should consider including in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session, as a priority matter, the question of the adoption of a convention on the rights of the child.

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5 May 1978*

<sup>48</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/395.

<sup>49</sup> See E/CN.4/1261, chap. XVII.

<sup>50</sup> General Assembly resolution 1386 (XIV).

<sup>51</sup> General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>52</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXXVI.