

Having received the preliminary report on human rights and scientific and technological developments⁵¹ prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 2450 (XXIII),

Noting also the preliminary memorandum of the World Health Organization,⁵²

Noting with regret that it has been unable to examine this question at the present session,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to study the problems relating to human rights as they arise from developments in science and technology, as provided in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2450 (XXIII);

2. Requests the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-seventh session to give priority to the examination of the preliminary report on human rights and scientific and technological developments, as supplemented by such further information as may be made available to it, including the preliminary memorandum submitted by the World Health Organization, and to transmit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, its suggestions and recommendations for the attainment of the objectives of resolution 2450 (XXIII);

3. Decides to give priority to the consideration of this item at its twenty-sixth session.

1930th plenary meeting,
15 December 1970.

⁵¹ E/CN.4/1028 and Add.1 and 2, Add.3 and Corr.1, Add.4 and 5.

⁵² A/8055/Add.1.

2722 (XXV). Freedom of information

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 in which, *inter alia*, it decided to hasten the conclusion, among other instruments, of a convention on freedom of information,

Recalling further its resolution 2448 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 by which it decided, pending the completion of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information, to give priority at its twenty-fourth session to the consideration and adoption of the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information,

Regretting that, despite this decision, it has not been possible to do so owing to the heavy programme of work at the current session,

Decides to give priority to the consideration of this item at its twenty-sixth session, taking into account that the consideration of the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information, which was submitted by the Economic and Social Council, has been deferred for the last decade, that the preamble and articles 1 to 4 of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information⁵³ have been adopted by the Third Committee and that the draft Convention has been before the General Assembly for eighteen years.

1930th plenary meeting,
15 December 1970.

⁵³ A/8036, annex III.

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Other decisions

Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(Item 46)

At its 1929th plenary meeting, on 14 December 1970, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁵⁴ decided to defer until its twenty-sixth session consideration of the item entitled "Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights".

Question of the elderly and the aged

(Item 52)

At its 1930th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1970, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁵⁵ decided to defer until its twenty-sixth session consideration of the item entitled "Question of the elderly and the aged" and to give it priority so as to ensure adequate time for its consideration at that session.

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

(Item 54)

At its 1930th plenary meeting, on 15 December 1970, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁵⁶ decided to defer until its twenty-sixth session consideration of the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance".

⁵⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 46, document A/8231, para. 24.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 52, document A/8254, para. 4.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 54, document A/8255, para. 3.