

II
RITUAL OPERATIONS

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Invites* the World Health Organization to undertake a study of the persistence of customs which subject girls to ritual operations and of the measures adopted or planned for putting a stop to such practices;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization to communicate the results of the study to the Commission on the Status of Women before the end of 1960, for examination at its fifteenth session.

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10 July 1958.*

C

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

I

WORKING WOMEN, INCLUDING WORKING MOTHERS,
WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that constant improvement of the conditions of working women, including working mothers with family responsibilities, is of great importance in meeting practical needs and is one of the main concerns of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Considering that the Social Commission and the specialized agencies of the United Nations can contribute, within their respective fields of activity, both towards defining the problems and towards suggesting solutions for them,

Considering further that the International Children's Centre in Paris intends to undertake an inquiry into creches and day nurseries, which play an important part in the improvement of the living conditions of working women with family responsibilities and are therefore relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Recognizing, however, that the subject of this inquiry may be more pertinent to the concerns of other bodies of the United Nations, such as the Social Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the important information contained in the reports concerning working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities, submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women by the Secretary-General³⁴ and by the International Labour Office;³⁵

2. *Expresses* its gratitude to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council for their co-operation, and requests them to continue their efforts to enlighten public opinion on this important matter;

3. *Draws the attention* of Governments of Member States to the existing possibilities of utilizing the assistance

³⁴ E/CN.6/324.

³⁵ E/CN.6/329.

available through the specialized agencies for the purpose of improving the situation of working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies concerned to give sympathetic consideration to any request submitted to them in connexion with assistance to working women, including working mothers, with family responsibilities, and to report to the Commission on the Status of Women on the services so rendered;

5. *Stresses the importance* of the inquiry to be undertaken by the International Children's Centre on creches and day nurseries, and expresses the wish that the results of that inquiry be communicated to the Commission on the Status of Women at one of its next sessions.

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II

AGE OF RETIREMENT AND RIGHT TO PENSION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the draft resolution concerning age of retirement and right to pension, contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women (twelfth session),³⁶

1. *Invites* the Commission to consider this matter further in the light of previous proceedings and those of the present session of the Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the records of the discussion of this question by the Council.

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683 (XXVI). Human rights

A

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights (fourteenth session).³⁷

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B

TEACHING OF THE PRINCIPLES
OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into consideration its resolution 314 (XI) of 24 July 1950, which recognizes the need to encourage

³⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/3096), chapter XVI, draft resolution C.II.*

³⁷ *Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (E/3088).*

teaching about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Considering that the teaching of that Declaration would promote dissemination of its principles and the formation of a society imbued with them,

Considering further that such teaching in every country and territory, whether independent, non-self-governing or under trusteeship, and in particular teaching of everything in the Declaration which condemns discrimination based on race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, would contribute to the elimination of discrimination wherever it exists,

1. *Recommends* that States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, in view of the above considerations, should take any necessary steps appropriate to their respective institutions and educational systems to promote widespread teaching of the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to take joint action within the spirit of Council resolution 609 (XXI) of 26 April 1956 to assist Member States in giving practical effect to the present resolution.

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C

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 6 (XIV) on freedom of information adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fourteenth session,³⁸

Observing that the Commission on Human Rights intends to give further consideration to the report of its Committee on Freedom of Information at its fifteenth session,³⁹

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on Freedom of Information to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and to interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, inviting them to submit their observations on the report to the Commission on Human Rights;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to complete its recommendations on freedom of information in the light of the report of its Committee and the comments of such States, the specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations concerned, for review by the Council.

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³⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (E/3088), chap. V, para. 123.

³⁹ E/CN.4/762.

D

YEARBOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the value of the *Yearbook on Human Rights* both as an annual record of developments in human rights and as a vehicle of international technical co-operation in this field,

Recalling its resolution 303 H (XI) of 9 August 1950 concerning the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, resolution 624 B (XXII) of 1 August 1956 concerning triennial reports and studies, and resolution I⁴⁰ adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its eleventh session concerning statements on specific rights or groups of rights, and desiring to settle the relationship between the arrangements following from these resolutions,

Recalling its decision in section I of resolution 665 D (XXIV) of 2 August 1957 that the *Yearbook on Human Rights* for 1955 should be issued without a separate section on arbitrary arrest, detention and exile, and that the inclusion of a section in the *Yearbook* on a specific project should not be initiated until the Commission on Human Rights had completed its review of the scope and content of the *Yearbook*,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957 on control and limitation of documentation,

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1. *Decides* to limit the size of the *Yearbook on Human Rights* for 1957 and future annual volumes to about 330 pages in the English edition;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments and government-appointed correspondents to the desirability of having their contributions to the *Yearbook on Human Rights* consist of texts of, or extracts from, new constitutions, constitutional amendments, legislation, general governmental decrees and administrative orders, and reports on important court decisions, relating to human rights as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and such introductory and explanatory comments as may be necessary to describe trends and to state results obtained;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General :

(a) To publish in the *Yearbook on Human Rights* the following: texts of, or extracts from, new constitutions, constitutional amendments, legislation, general governmental decrees and administrative orders, and reports on important court decisions, relating to human rights as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and such introductory and explanatory comments as may be considered necessary to describe trends and to state results obtained in States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, this information to cover metropolitan areas and Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories; texts of, or extracts from, international agreements concerning such States or territories bearing on human rights; a table of ratifica-

⁴⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/2731 and Corr. 1), para. 28.*

tions of, and accessions to, such agreements; documentary references on United Nations action in relation to human rights; an introduction and an index;

(b) In editing the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, to co-operate with Governments in achieving the aims of General Assembly resolution 1203 (XII) and the aims of the present resolution in the matter of the size and content of the *Yearbook*;

(c) To consider ways of making the *Yearbook on Human Rights* more generally known.

II

Decides :

(a) That statements on specific rights or groups of rights prepared in accordance with Council resolution 303 H (XI) be published from time to time in the form of a supplementary volume to the *Yearbook on Human Rights*, the first of such supplementary volumes to contain the statements regarding the right set forth in article 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the second to contain statements on the right set forth in article 25, paragraph 2, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(b) That the size of these supplementary volumes be limited to about 250 pages in the English edition;

III

Recommends to Governments that, when in reports under Council resolution 624 B (XXII) they describe developments and the progress achieved during the preceding three years in the field of human rights, and measures taken to safeguard human liberty in their metropolitan area and Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, they avail themselves of the opportunity to evaluate and interpret events, to indicate difficulties encountered and to discuss techniques found to be of particular value; and that in preparing their triennial reports they refer, where desirable, to the factual information furnished for, or published in, the *Yearbook on Human Rights*;

IV

Invites the Commission on Human Rights to bring this matter under review at its seventeenth session in the light of the experience gained of the working of the arrangements set out in the preceding sections of the present resolution.

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E

SECOND CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN THE ERADICATION OF PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴¹ on the convening of a second conference of non-govern-

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 10, document E/3130.*

mental organizations interested in the eradication of prejudice and discrimination,

Noting that forty-nine non-governmental organizations are prepared to participate in such a conference and that eleven others would consider the possibility of participating if such a conference were to be convened,

1. *Decides*, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 479 (V) of 12 December 1950, to authorize the Secretary-General to convene such a conference in Geneva for a one-week period in 1959;

2. *Determines* that each non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council shall be invited to send to the conference not more than two authorized representatives, chosen on the basis of their stature and leadership, and such alternates as it may consider necessary, chosen on the basis of their technical competence to deal with questions on the agenda;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the non-governmental organizations concerned, to prepare the provisional agenda of the conference, including the following items :

(a) Exchange of views concerning the most effective techniques of combating prejudice and discrimination, including legal, educational and community action :

(i) Progress reports of non-governmental organizations activities in combating prejudice and discrimination since the First Non-Governmental Organization Conference, with particular reference to implementation of the resolutions of that conference;

(ii) Education and information techniques for combating prejudice and discrimination;

(iii) Legal techniques for combating prejudice and discrimination;

(iv) Techniques of civic and community action for combating prejudice and discrimination;

(b) Co-operation with United Nations bodies :

(i) Consultation of United Nations bodies with non-governmental organizations relating to the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities;

(ii) Further suggestions for non-governmental organizations action to assist or supplement the work of the United Nations relating to the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite interested specialized agencies :

(a) To make available to the conference relevant studies;

(b) To participate in the conference and to make such observations to the conference as they deem appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make other necessary arrangements in connexion with the conference;

6. *Considers* that the recommendations of the conference should be general and objective in character;

7. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to direct the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to include in its sub-

sequent report to the Commission its observations on the proceedings of the conference.

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F

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Economic and Social Council,

I

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 423 (V) of 4 December 1950 on Human Rights Day,

Recalling Council resolution 651 B (XXIV) of 24 July 1957 on the observance of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the annex thereto,

Believing that the United Nations should commemorate this tenth anniversary by special observance of Human Rights Day in 1958,

Recommends to the General Assembly that during its thirteenth session it devote a special meeting to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and that this meeting be held on 10 December 1958;

II

Considering that 1958 is the year of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling the recommendations for the observance of this anniversary contained in Council resolution 651 B (XXIV) of 24 July 1957, and the annex thereto,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 423 (V) of 4 December 1950 inviting Governments and interested organizations to adopt 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day, to observe this day to celebrate the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, and to exert increasing efforts in this field of human progress,

Considering that the tenth anniversary year provides a fitting occasion for stimulating special efforts to secure the universal and effective recognition and observance of the rights and freedoms which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims,

1. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to observe the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in their own countries, and in particular to make the text of the Declaration widely known, and continually to promote increasing respect for

the rights enunciated therein, to the end that this common standard of achievement may be universally realized;

2. *Expresses the hope* that non-governmental organizations participating in the observance of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will encourage their national and local affiliates, as part of their observance of the anniversary in 1958, to organize conferences and other meetings and discussions on human rights, giving wide publicity to the text of the Declaration, to the end that men and women everywhere may achieve fuller enjoyment of the rights to which they are entitled and that each may learn to respect the rights of others.

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684 (XXVI). Programme of advisory services in the field of human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the success achieved in the seminars held during the past year in pursuance of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights,

Considering that the organization of additional seminars, on a judicious scale, will contribute to the objectives of the programme and thus to the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 requested the Council to submit to the Assembly at its thirteenth session an evaluation of the projects carried out under the programme of advisory services in human rights, and recommendations concerning the future of the programme,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Governments, organizations and individuals who have participated in the seminars already held, and to the Secretary-General for the part he has played in their organization;

2. *Approves* the plan presented by the Secretary-General⁴² for holding seminars in the year 1959;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep in mind the possibility of organizing in the future an international seminar on a subject of universal interest;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to review the programme of advisory services at each of its sessions on the basis of work plans presented by the Secretary-General, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Council.

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⁴² *Ibid.*, agenda item 12, document E/3075/Add.1.