

(a) To adopt the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, or articles thereof, as appropriate, as the theme of their annual conference for 1968 or of special conferences held during that year;

(b) To organize commemorative ceremonies on the Declaration during the International Year for Human Rights, and particularly on Human Rights Day, 10 December 1968;

(c) To print and distribute the text of the Declaration, and prepare public pamphlets, leaflets and posters on the Declaration;

(d) To organize community projects, such as panel discussions on local problems of human rights, children's parades, and the display of the United Nations flag in school and business buildings;

(e) To encourage local communities to establish a list of questions with a view to investigating and sounding out public opinion as to the community's effectiveness in promoting the principles of the Declaration;

(f) To publish, during the International Year for Human Rights, historic declarations, famous bills, and great orations and speeches on human rights, with appropriate commentaries or annotations;

(g) To encourage radio and television networks to carry special programmes, to encourage newspaper editors to publish editorials on the Declaration which could be printed or reprinted in whole or in part, and to encourage book-publishing firms to issue special publications, including books and booklets, on human rights problems designed to publicize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and to encourage other media of information to organize public debates on great issues of freedom;

(h) To invite appropriate bodies in Member States to hold special services and observances, of a cultural and traditional nature, in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Recommendation H

It is recommended that the programme of measures and activities include activities by the United Nations, the specialized agencies, Member States, and international and national organizations. For an effective year of observances, some degree of co-ordination of these separate activities will be required. Some of the recommended activities are set out precisely and in reasonably full detail; in others, no more than the broad outlines of the proposal can be given at this stage, and details remain to be worked out. When these details have been worked out, it will be desirable that information about them be communicated to a central organization or to a central office. It is likely that individual Member States will have new ideas in regard to activities they may wish to undertake in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights, and that they will wish to communicate some of these ideas to other Member States. It is agreed that all these activities should be co-ordinated and it is recommended that the co-ordinating and clearing-house function should be discharged by the Secretary-General. It would be important that the efficiency of the Secretary-General's present responsibilities in the field of human rights should not be prejudiced by this additional task which it is proposed to entrust to him.

1161 (XLI). Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Rights,⁷⁷

⁷⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (E/4184).

Noting the memorandum by the Secretary-General listing and classifying special protective measures, of an international character, for ethnic, religious or linguistic groups,⁷⁸ and the compilation of the texts of those international instruments and similar measures of an international character which are of contemporary interest and which provide special protective measures for ethnic, religious or linguistic groups,⁷⁹

Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps, within the budgetary resources available to him, for printing, circulating and making available for sale to the public this memorandum and the compilation as one publication.

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*

1162 (XLI). Report of the Commission on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-second session.⁸⁰

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*

1163 (XLI). Question concerning the implementation of human rights through a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or some other appropriate international machinery

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2062 (XX) of 16 December 1965 entitled "Creation of the post of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights", in which the Assembly requested the Council to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights the proposal to create the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, so that the Commission might study all aspects of the matter and report on it through the Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session,

Having considered chapter V of the report of the Commission on Human Rights⁸⁰ concerning this proposal,

1. *Informs the General Assembly that the Commission on Human Rights, recognizing the importance of the proposal, considered the item "Question concerning the implementation of human rights through a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or some other appropriate international machinery" and decided to establish a working group composed of nine States members of the Commission to study all relevant questions concerning such institution, taking into consideration the debate in the Commission on Human Rights on this item, and all the questions raised therein, and to report to the Commission at its twenty-third session in 1967;*

⁷⁸ E/CN.4/Sub.2/221.

⁷⁹ E/CN.4/Sub.2/214.

⁸⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/4184).*