

the discussion of this question at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>53</sup> and without prejudice to what is proposed in the succeeding paragraphs, to submit the final report to the Commission on Human Rights not later than three months in advance of its twenty-ninth session in 1973 and not later than 30 November 1972;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue providing all possible assistance to the Special Rapporteur and to urge once again those Governments and specialized agencies that have not yet done so to submit information on the effectiveness of the methods and means used by them in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights, so that the Special Rapporteur may utilize this information as he may deem it appropriate;

3. *Requests* each regional economic commission to consider the feasibility of including in the agenda of its next session the consideration of "the question of the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, taking into account special problems relating to human rights in developing countries", and to indicate particular aspects of these rights;

4. *Requests* the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Committee for Development Planning to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights all available information relevant to this item;

5. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider, within their respective spheres of competence, the question of the effective methods and means to be used for the realization of economic, social and cultural rights and to forward their suggestions to the Commission on Human Rights in time for consideration at its twenty-ninth session;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to study the problem at its twenty-ninth session as a matter of priority, including the feasibility of the observance at an appropriate time of an international year for eradication of poverty.

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2 June 1972*

#### **1690 (LII). Protection of journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed conflict**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* General Assembly resolution 2854 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and the documents related thereto, particularly the draft conventions submitted by Australia<sup>54</sup> and by the United States of America,<sup>55</sup>

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 6 (XXVIII) of 31 March 1972,<sup>56</sup>

*Considering* that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has proclaimed in its article 19 the right of everyone to freedom of opinion and expression, including freedom to seek, receive and impart information through any media and regardless of frontiers,

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/5113), chap. IV.

<sup>54</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 49, document A/8589, para. 26.

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 27.

<sup>56</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5113), chap. XIII.*

*Considering* that it is important to promote the right to complete, objective and truthful information,

*Considering* that mass media of information play a vital role in that connexion,

*Considering* that the quest for information may expose journalists to dangerous situations when their mission leads them to carry on their activity in areas where there is armed conflict,

*Considering* that those whose recognized function is to gather information for dissemination through an information organ should be afforded adequate protection in time of armed conflict,

*Considering* that, without prejudice to the application of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949,<sup>57</sup> it is desirable to guarantee for all categories of journalists, in view of the present-day requirements of their profession, effective protection when they carry out dangerous missions,

*Transmits* to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session:

(a) The draft articles of the International Convention on the Protection of Journalists Engaged in Dangerous Professional Missions in Areas of Armed Conflict, as approved by the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-eighth session as the basis for further work;<sup>58</sup>

(b) Proposed amendments and the records of the discussion at the twenty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights;<sup>59</sup>

(c) The relevant observations submitted by the Conference of Government Experts on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts.

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#### **1691 (LII). Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* General Assembly resolution 2583 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969 in which the Assembly drew attention to the special need for international action in order to ensure the prosecution and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2712 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 in which the Assembly expressed deep concern at the fact that in present-day conditions, as a result of aggressive wars and the policies and practices of racism, *apartheid* and colonialism and other similar ideologies and practices, war crimes and crimes against humanity are being committed in various parts of the world, and called upon all the States concerned to intensify their co-operation in the collection and exchange of information which will contribute to the detection, arrest, extradition, trial and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity,

<sup>57</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), Nos. 970-973.

<sup>58</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5113), chap. XIII, resolution 6 (XXVIII), annex.*

<sup>59</sup> E/CN.4/L.1199 and Corr.1, E/CN.4/L.1202-1210, E/CN.4/SR.1165, 1166 and 1168-1176.