

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the co-operation of those organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, which can provide assistance in particular in the eradication of slavery, the slave trade and other forms of servitude.

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**1594 (L). Study of equality in the administration of justice**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1499 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 on the study of equality in the administration of justice,

*Noting* resolution 3 (XXIII) of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,<sup>64</sup>

*Noting also* that the Sub-Commission has completed its consideration of the draft principles contained in the study<sup>65</sup> prepared by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Abu Rannat, and has adopted certain principles relating to equality in the administration of justice,

*Considering however* that, owing to lack of time, the Commission on Human Rights was unable to examine the above draft principles in detail,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to Mr. Abu Rannat for his valuable study;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to print the Special Rapporteur's study, together with the general principles adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 3 (XXIII), and to circulate them as widely as possible;

3. *Recommends* that the Commission on Human Rights should, at its twenty-eighth session, examine the draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice and take a decision on further action.

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**1595 (L). Question of the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the study of special problems relating to human rights in developing countries**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1421 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 and 1502 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970,

1. *Draws attention* to the fact that, since the adoption of resolution 1421 (XLVI) by the Council, the General Assembly has adopted on 11 December 1969 resolution 2542 (XXIV) containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and resolution 2543 (XXIV) on the implementation of that Declaration;

2. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur while preparing his study to take into account the provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions and to submit his final

report to the Commission on Human Rights not later than at its twenty-eighth session, in 1972.

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**1596 (L). Periodic reports on human rights and reports on freedom of information**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* section III of its resolution 1458 (XLVII) of 8 August 1969 concerning requests for information from Member States regarding the United Nations programme in the field of human rights,

*Recalling* its resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 concerning periodic reports on human rights and reports on freedom of information,

*Noting* resolution 18 (XXVII) of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>66</sup>

*Believing* that it is only through the timely submission of concise reports by Member States and specialized agencies and objective information by non-governmental organizations in consultative status that the international community can appreciate both the progress achieved and problems still to be overcome,

*Believing also* that the value of these reports rests on their being submitted by as many Member States as possible,

*Recognizing* that the number of reporting obligations imposed upon Member States may make more difficult the preparation of comprehensive periodic reports on human rights each year,

1. *Decides* that, without prejudice to the submission of reports on freedom of information in 1971 and with effect from the date of the present resolution, Member States shall be asked to submit periodic reports once every two years in a continuing cycle: the first, on civil and political rights, to be submitted in 1972; the second, on economic, social and cultural rights, in 1974; the third, on freedom of information, in 1976;

2. *Expresses the hope* that an increasing number of Member States will report in the future;

3. *Invites* Member States, in submitting their periodic reports, to follow closely the outline of headings for the reports sent to them by the Secretary-General and to pay greater attention to the guidelines contained in paragraph 1 of resolution 16 B (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>67</sup> which was adopted unanimously on 22 March 1967;

4. *Considers* in particular that the assessment of progress and problems in the promotion and protection of human rights by the Commission on Human Rights and its *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on Human Rights can be of practical value only to the extent that Governments include in their reports detailed information concerning specific difficulties encountered, practical measures or methods applied or assistance needed to overcome them.

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<sup>66</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4949), chapter XIX.*

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322), para. 538.*

<sup>64</sup> See E/CN.4/1040, chapter VIII.

<sup>65</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/296.