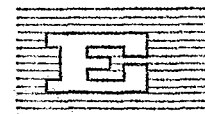


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Thirty-eighth session  
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 February to 12 March 1982. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 1 February 1982.
2. The provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session is reproduced below. It is drawn up in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. At its thirty-seventh session the Commission took note<sup>1/</sup> of a draft provisional agenda prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII).
3. The thirty-eighth session of the Commission will be preceded by meetings of four groups, which will take place from 25 to 29 January 1982:
  - (a) In connection with item 10 (a), and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/37, an open-ended working group will convene to complete the work on a draft convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
  - (b) In connection with item 12 (b), and in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1981/150, a working group composed of five members of the Commission will meet to examine such particular situations as might be referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 and those situations with which the Commission is seized.

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<sup>1/</sup> Decision 12 (XXXVII) of 13 March 1981.

(c) In connection with item 13, and in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1981/144, an open-ended working group will convene to facilitate the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child;

(d) In connection with item 16, and in accordance with Commission resolution 6 (XXXVII), the group of three members of the Commission appointed in accordance with article IX of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid will convene to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention.

4. In connection with item 11, the Commission decided, in resolution 23 (XXXVII), to establish at its thirty-eighth session an open-ended working group to continue the over-all analysis of "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms" as indicated in that resolution.

5. Any decisions or resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the Commission which may be taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session or by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in February 1982 will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued in another addendum.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization of the work of the session
4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
5. Question of human rights in Chile
6. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts
7. The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa
8. Question of the realization in all countries 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 study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including:
  - (a) Problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; the right to development
  - (b) The effects of the existing unjust international economic order on the economies of the developing countries, and the obstacle that this represents for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms
9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation
10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:
  - (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
  - (b) Question of missing and disappeared persons
11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:
    - (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus
    - (b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group established by the Commission at its thirty-seventh session.
  13. Question of a convention on the rights of the child
  14. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers
  15. Human rights and scientific and technological developments
  16. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid
  17. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the question of conscientious objection to military service
  18. (a) Study in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination
  - (b) Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
  19. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights
  20. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-fourth session
  21. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities
  22. Question of measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred
  23. Advisory services in the field of human rights
  24. Communications concerning human rights
  25. Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission
  26. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the thirty-eighth session of the Commission.
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