

tivities, to draw up, in consultation with the expert and the Government, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its second regular session of 1981, a draft plan of action for implementing those recommendations of the expert which he deems feasible;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in drawing up the draft plan of action, to consult Governments, other United Nations organs and the relevant parts of the United Nations Secretariat, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations in consultative status and the Organization of African Unity, with a view to determining in what ways they may be able to contribute towards implementing the plan, and to inform the Council of the results of those consultations.

*18th plenary meeting
8 May 1981*

1981/39. United Nations voluntary fund for victims of torture

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 35 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁶⁸

1. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 33/174 of 20 December 1978, by which it established the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile as a voluntary fund to receive contributions and distribute humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons whose human rights had been violated by detention or imprisonment in Chile,

"Recalling also its resolution 35/190 of 15 December 1980, by which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to study the possibility of extending the mandate of the Fund,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/39 of 8 May 1981 and resolution 35 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981 of the Commission on Human Rights,

"Noting that all Governments have an obligation to respect and promote human rights in accordance with the responsibilities they have undertaken under various international instruments,

"Noting with deep concern that acts of torture take place in various countries,

"Considering the plight of victims of torture wherever it takes places,

"Recognizing the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit,

"1. Decides:

"(a) To extend the mandate of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile, established by its resolution 33/174, in order to make it capable of receiving voluntary contributions for distribution, through established channels of humanitarian assistance, as humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of torture, and to relatives of such victims, priority being given to aid to victims of violations by States in which the human rights situation has been the subject of resolutions or decisions adopted by

⁶⁸ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr. 1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.

either the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council or the Commission on Human Rights;

"(b) That such a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of torture shall be administered in accordance with the financial regulations of the United Nations by the Secretary-General, with the advice of a board of trustees composed of a chairman and four members with wide experience in the field of human rights, acting in their personal capacity, to be appointed by the Secretary-General with due regard to equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with their Governments;

"(c) To redesignate the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile as a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of torture;

"(d) To adopt the arrangements for the management of the fund set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

"(e) To authorize the board of trustees to promote and solicit contributions and pledges;

"(f) To request the Secretary-General to give the board of trustees all the assistance it may require;

"2. Appeals to all Governments to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the United Nations voluntary fund for victims of torture."

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session specific proposals for the arrangements for the management of the fund in accordance with the principles set forth in paragraph 1 (a) of the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

*18th plenary meeting
8 May 1981*

1981/40. Combating the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1980/4 of 16 April 1980, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the application of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others,⁶⁹

Recalling also resolution 1 (XXVII) of 4 April 1978 of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁷⁰

Considering the provisions of resolution 43 on the exploitation of the prostitution of others and traffic in persons, adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,⁷¹

Considering that slavery may be defined as the condition of a person who is entirely under the domination of another,

Having been informed that, for these reasons, the Working Group on Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities has been invited to collaborate in the preparation of a study on procuring,

Considering further that these practices, frequently condemned by various United Nations bodies, constitute a flagrant violation of human rights,

⁶⁹ General Assembly resolution 317 (IV), annex.

⁷⁰ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 2 (E/1978/32/Rev. 1), chap. IX.

⁷¹ See Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

Considering that the combating and suppression of such traffic involves a number of different national and international organizations,

Requests the Secretary-General to undertake an inquiry among the Governments of Member States and the international organizations concerned—the regional commissions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Interpol and the international non-governmental organizations concerned—on the status of the question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, so that, with full knowledge of the facts, joint measures can be envisaged to put an end to this form of slavery.

18th plenary meeting
8 May 1981

1981/41. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1979/39 of 10 May 1979 on the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa,

Recalling also its resolution 1980/33 of 2 May 1980 on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa,

Recognizing the contribution which the reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts have made and are continuing to make to the efforts of the United Nations to seek out and combat the violations of human rights, in particular the policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination, pursued in South Africa and Namibia,

Having examined the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts requested by the Council in its resolution 1980/33,⁷²

Noting that the South African authorities, far from changing their policies of *apartheid*, are strengthening them by various means,

Noting also that the proposals for the reform of industrial relations in South Africa put forward by the Wiehahn Commission appear to have failed,

Noting further that the Code of Conduct of the European Economic Community has not brought about much appreciable change,

1. Congratulates the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on the work it has done;

2. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts requested in its resolution 1980/33 and of the conclusions contained therein;

3. Deplores the inhuman conditions of African workers, particularly agricultural workers;

4. Condemns the continuing police and state interference in industrial disputes in South Africa;

5. Demands the cessation of all police and state interference in industrial disputes and the recognition of the right of the black trade union movements in South Africa to full freedom of association and to unimpeded collective bargaining;

6. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to

⁷² E/1981/68, annex.

continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council in 1982;

7. Decides to consider the question of allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa as a subitem under the item entitled "Human rights questions" at its first regular session of 1982.

18th plenary meeting
8 May 1981

1981/42. Human rights questions: the case of Ziad Abu Ain

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁷³

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/14 of 7 November 1977, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the legitimacy of the struggle for independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation by all available means,

Bearing in mind that the Government of Israel defiantly considers internationally recognized and legitimate resistance by the Palestinian population under illegal occupation as "common crimes" and that the Israeli authorities of occupation systematically violate the human rights of the Palestinian population under Israeli military occupation,

Noting that Mr. Ziad Abu Ain has been detained illegally in a United States prison for over a year pending his extradition to Israel,

Noting also that the sole basis for "probable cause" against Mr. Ziad Abu Ain is a Hebrew language statement made by a person who was in Israeli custody,

Noting further that no United States court will sustain a trial of a person on the basis of such "evidence",

Appeals to the Government of the United States of America to release Mr. Ziad Abu Ain from the United States prison in which he is being detained.

19th plenary meeting
8 May 1981

1981/43. Composition of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the need to enlarge the composition of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in order to bring it into line with the present membership of the United Nations and with the principle of equitable geographical representation,

1. Decides, in the light of the need to enlarge the membership of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, to take action on this question at its second regular session of 1981 in accordance with rule 85 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and in the light of the report of the President requested in paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

2. Requests the President of the Council to hold consultations with the regional groups with a view to evolving an understanding on the size, composition and allocation of seats of the Committee on Non-Governmental

⁷³ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).