

mental freedoms of indigenous populations, including information requested by the Secretary-General annually from Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, particularly those of indigenous peoples, to analyse such materials, and to submit its conclusions to the Sub-Commission bearing in mind the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission;⁶⁶

2. *Decides* that the Working Group shall give special attention to the evolution of standards concerning the rights of indigenous populations, taking account of both the similarities and the differences in the situations and aspirations of indigenous populations throughout the world;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist the working group on indigenous populations and make all necessary arrangements to enable it to carry out its functions.

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1982/35. Summary or arbitrary executions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶⁷ which guarantees the right to life, liberty and security of person,

Having regard to the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁶⁸ in which it is stated that every human being has the inherent right to life, that this right shall be protected by law and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/175 of 17 December 1979, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that mass and flagrant violations of human rights are of special concern to the United Nations and urged the Commission on Human Rights to take timely and effective action in existing and future cases of mass and flagrant violations of human rights,

Further recalling resolution 8 (XXIII) of 16 March 1967 of the Commission on Human Rights⁶⁹ concerning the question of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world,

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 36/22 of 9 November 1981, in which the Assembly condemned the practice of summary executions and arbitrary executions,

Bearing in mind resolution 5, on extra-legal executions, of the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁷⁰

Deeply alarmed about the occurrence of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions, that are widely regarded as being politically motivated,

⁶⁶ E/CN.4/Sub.2/476 and Add.1-6.

⁶⁷ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁶⁸ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁶⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322)*, chap. V.

⁷⁰ See *Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IV.4), chap. I, sect. B.

Convinced of the need to deal urgently with the question of summary or arbitrary executions,

1. *Strongly deplores* the increasing number of summary or arbitrary executions taking place in various parts of the world;

2. *Decides*, therefore, to appoint for one year a special rapporteur to examine the questions related to summary or arbitrary executions;

3. *Requests* the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, after consultations within the Bureau, to appoint an individual of recognized international standing as special rapporteur;

4. *Considers* that the special rapporteur in carrying out his mandate may seek and receive information from Governments, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

5. *Requests* the special rapporteur to submit a comprehensive report to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session on the occurrence and extent of the practice of such executions, together with his conclusions and recommendations;

6. *Urges* all Governments to co-operate with and assist the special rapporteur in the preparation of his report;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the special rapporteur;

8. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of summary or arbitrary executions as a matter of high priority at its thirty-ninth session under the agenda item entitled "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".

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1982/36. Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1981/38 of 8 May 1981 and its decision 1981/167 of 16 July 1981,

Bearing in mind resolution 1982/34 of 11 March 1982 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁷¹

Mindful of the role that the United Nations could play in the promotion, the protection and the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the world,

Conscious of the request of the Government of Equatorial Guinea for assistance in the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country with a view to ensuring, in particular, the right of the population to participate in the management of public affairs in the country,

1. *Takes note* of the plan of action proposed by the Secretary-General⁷² on the basis of recom-

⁷¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12 and Corr.1)*, chap. XXVI.

⁷² E/CN.4/1495, annex.