

survey data and their use and interpretation shall form an integral part of national census programmes by establishing and strengthening national population organizations and institutions;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for the organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen their collaboration and co-ordination in the planning and execution of their population programmes.

*14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/34. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 3453 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, requested the Commission on Human Rights to study the formulation of a body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the draft body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment, contained in the report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-first session,⁴⁷ to solicit their comments and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, so that the Assembly may consider the adoption of the principles;

2. *Authorizes* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to request Mrs. Questiaux to continue the study of the implications for human rights of states of siege or emergency.

*15th plenary meeting
10 May 1979*

1979/35. Draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/62 of 8 December 1977 by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Assembly resolution 33/178 of 20 December 1978 by which the Assembly requested the Commission, at its thirty-fifth session, to give high priority to the question of drafting such a convention,

Bearing in mind that it was not found possible to complete the work on the draft convention during the thirty-fifth session of the Commission,

⁴⁷ E/CN.4/1296, para. 109.

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 18 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979,⁴⁸

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the thirty-sixth session of the Commission to complete the work on a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session all relevant materials relating to the draft convention.

*15th plenary meeting
10 May 1979*

1979/36. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights under the Charter of the United Nations,

In conformity with General Assembly resolutions 32/130 of 16 December 1977 and 33/104 and 33/105 of 16 December 1978,

Recalling the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁴⁹ and the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁵⁰ in further promoting international co-operation in respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as required by the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting the increase in the workload of the Division of Human Rights as a result, *inter alia*, of the entry into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁵¹ and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*,⁵²

1. *Notes* that, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the relevant international instruments, the Commission on Human Rights, in fulfilling the functions set forth in Council resolution 5 (I) of 16 February 1946 and amended by Council resolution 9 (II) of 21 June 1946, should take into account the concepts enumerated in General Assembly resolution 32/130;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Commission on Human Rights shall be guided by the standards in the field of human rights laid down in the various international instruments in that field;

3. *Decides*, further, to add the following provisions to the terms of reference of the Commission on Human Rights set forth in Council resolution 5 (I) and amended by Council resolution 9 (II):

“The Commission shall assist the Economic and Social Council in the co-ordination of activities concerning human rights in the United Nations system”;

⁴⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36)*, chap. XXIV.

⁴⁹ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁵⁰ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁵¹ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁵² General Assembly resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.