

League of Arab States at the Tenth Arab Summit Conference, held at Tunis from 20 to 22 November 1979,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report;³⁵
2. *Appeals* to all Governments to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Lebanon;
3. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes within the United Nations system which are in a position to help in this field to do so;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render support and assistance which can be mobilized within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development plans;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the steps taken to implement the present resolution.

*16th plenary meeting
29 April 1980*

1980/16. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The Economic and Social Council,

Convinced of the need for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and in developing or encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,³⁷ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination³⁸ and the International Covenants on Human Rights,³⁹

Mindful of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of host countries,

Mindful also of the efforts which must still be made in order to protect the rights and improve the living conditions of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling that the family is the natural, basic element of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State and that, in that context, the families of migrant workers are entitled to the same protection as migrant workers themselves,

Recalling its resolution 1979/13 of 9 May 1979,

Considering General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, which refers to the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers,⁴⁰

Having taken note also of the concerns expressed by the Commission on the Status of Women at its twenty-eighth session in its resolution 1 (XXVIII), of 5 March

³⁷ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

³⁸ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

³⁹ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁰ E/1980/16.

1980, on the welfare of female migrant workers and the wives of migrant workers,⁴¹

Concerned at the fact that the Commission on Human Rights was unable to consider at its thirty-sixth session the item relating to migrant workers,

1. *Notes* that, despite the efforts made by the Governments of some host countries and by some international organizations, a considerable number of migrant workers continue to be denied the enjoyment of their basic rights;

2. *Duly notes* the decision by the General Assembly, in paragraph 3 of its resolution 34/172, to create at its thirty-fifth session a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

3. *Invites* the international organizations concerned to participate in the deliberations of the working group and to co-operate with a view to elaborating such a convention;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-seventh session, to devote all the time required to the implementation of paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1979/13;

5. *Invites also* the Governments of host countries to ensure the protection of the families of migrant workers;

6. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1981 the item entitled "Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers", to follow the progress of work relating to the elaboration by the General Assembly of the above-mentioned international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families, and to make further recommendations to the working group on the convention in the light of the conclusions concerning the subject which the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development will submit in their reports on their thirty-seventh and twenty-seventh sessions, respectively, to the Economic and Social Council.

*18th plenary meeting
30 April 1980*

1980/17. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1979

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the International Narcotics Control Board⁴² on the work it undertook in 1979 to carry out its treaty responsibilities,

Noting with deep concern the conclusion of the Board, that, despite the efforts made by the international community to date, the increased awareness on the part of the international community of the drug problem in all its aspects and the improvements that have been made in some countries, drug abuse in many countries, both developing and developed, has reached pandemic proportions and the situation has continued to deteriorate and to endanger even children,

Noting also the comments and suggestions made by the Board concerning specific problems which, in its opinion, merit urgent attention and appropriate action

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 5 (E. 1980/15), chap. I, sect. C.*

⁴² E/INCB/47 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.XI.?).