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GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS

LEBANON: DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

I.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CONSIDERING that the draft International Declaration of Human Rights, transmitted by the Commission on Human Rights to the Council as Annex A of the report of its third session (document E/800) contained the text of an article on the right of petition which the Commission had not considered since measures of implementation were not discussed in its third session

TAKING NOTE of resolution 217 (B) (III) of the General Assembly stating that the right of petition is an essential human right as is recognized in the constitutions of a great number of countries and of the fact that the General Assembly after considering the draft article on petitions and the amendments offered thereto by Cuba and France decided not to take any action on this matter at the General Assembly's third session

TRANSMITS General Assembly resolution 217 (B) (III) to the Commission on Human Rights, and

REQUESTS the Commission on Human Rights to examine further the problem of petitions when studying the draft International Covenant on Human Rights and Measures of Implementation so that the Council, at its ninth session, may consider and report to the General Assembly, what further action, if any, should be taken by the General Assembly at its fourth regular session regarding the problem of petitions.

II.

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TAKING NOTE of Resolution 217 (C) (III) of the General Assembly
relating to the fact of minorities
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TRANSMITS to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities resolution 217 (C) (III) of the General Assembly and the texts submitted by the Delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia and Denmark on the subject of the fate of minorities contained in document A/C.3/307/Rev.2, and

REQUESTS the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities to make a thorough study of the problem of minorities in order that the United Nations may be able to take effective measures for the protection of racial, national, religious or linguistic minorities.

III.

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TAKING NOTE of resolution 217, E (III) of the General Assembly where the General Assembly considered that the plan of work of the Commission on Human Rights provides for an International Bill of Human Rights to include the Declaration, the Covenant on Human Rights and Measures of Implementation

TAKING NOTE that one part only of this work has been completed, namely the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

RECALLING that in its resolution 9 (2) the Council stated that the purpose of the United Nations with regard to promotion and observance of human rights, as defined in the Charter of the United Nations, can only be fulfilled if provisions are made for the implementation of human rights and that at its second session the Council requested the Commission on Human Rights to submit at an early date suggestions regarding the ways and means for the effective implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, with a view to assisting the Council in working out arrangements for such implementation with other appropriate organs of the United Nations,

RECALLING FURTHER that in its resolution 115 (F) (VI), the Council directed the Commission on Human Rights through its Drafting Committee and at its then next session to give particular attention to the implementation aspect of the Bill of Human Rights in order to ensure that draft articles of implementation might be submitted to Member Governments at the earliest possible date,

TAKING NOTE FURTHER that the Commission on Human Rights in the report of its third session decided that further work on the question of implementation was of the utmost importance and that therefore it should embark upon this work together with the work on the Covenant at its fourth session

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TRANSMITS resolution 217 (E) (III) of the General Assembly to the Commission on Human Rights and

REQUESTS the Commission on Human Rights to continue to give priority in its work to the preparation of a draft Covenant on Human Rights and draft Measures of Implementation.
