

2. *Requests* the Commission to review the reports of its task force and to report thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

3. *Urges* all Member States, non-member States parties to the international drug control treaties, specialized agencies and other international organizations and private institutions concerned with the drug abuse problem to strengthen their participation in and support for activities related to the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy and the programme of action;

4. *Also urges* Member States to contribute or to increase their contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in order to ensure the success of the International Drug Abuse Control Strategy and to give firm impetus to the world community's battle against international drug traffickers and against drug abuse;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the present resolution and related documents to all Member States, non-member States parties to the international drug control treaties and all relevant international, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

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**37/169. Question of the international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1790 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1871 (LVI) of 17 May 1974 concerning the question of the international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live,

*Recalling* Commission on Human Rights resolutions 8 (XXIX) of 21 March 1973,<sup>81</sup> 11 (XXX) of 6 March 1974,<sup>82</sup> 16 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979<sup>83</sup> and 19 (XXXVI) of 29 February 1980,<sup>84</sup> on the same subject,

*Recalling also* resolution 9 (XXXI) of 13 September 1978 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,<sup>85</sup>

*Recalling* that the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1980/29 of 2 May 1980, decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session the text of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live, prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Baroness Elles, and amended by the Sub-Commission,<sup>86</sup> together with the comments on the text received from Member States<sup>87</sup> in response to Council decision 1979/36 of 10 May 1979, and recommended that the Assembly should consider the adoption of a declaration on the subject,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/199 of 15 December 1980 and 36/165 of 16 December 1981, by which it decided

<sup>81</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX, sect. A.

<sup>82</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464)*, chap. XIX, sect. A.

<sup>83</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36)*, chap. XXIV, sect. A.

<sup>84</sup> *Ibid.*, 1980, *Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr. 1)*, chap. XXVI, sect. A.

<sup>85</sup> See E/CN.4/1296, chap. XVII, sect. A.

<sup>86</sup> E/CN.4/1336.

<sup>87</sup> E/CN.4/1354 and Add.1-6.

to establish an open-ended working group for the purpose of concluding the elaboration of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live,

*Having considered* the report of the Working Group,<sup>88</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Working Group and of the fact that, although the Working Group has done useful work, it has not had sufficient time to conclude its task;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments, competent organs of the United Nations system and international organizations concerned the reports of the open-ended working groups established at the thirty-fifth,<sup>89</sup> thirty-sixth<sup>90</sup> and thirty-seventh sessions<sup>88</sup> and to invite them to bring up to date the comments they submitted in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1979/36 or to submit new comments on the basis of the above-mentioned reports, by 30 June 1983;

3. *Decides* to establish, at its thirty-eighth session, an open-ended working group for the purpose of concluding the elaboration of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live;

4. *Expresses the hope* that a draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live will be adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

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**37/170. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers**

*The General Assembly,*

*Again reaffirming* the permanent validity of the principles and standards embodied in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>91</sup> the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>92</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination<sup>93</sup> and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>94</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the importance of the task carried out in connection with migrant workers and their families in other specialized agencies and in various organs of the United Nations,

*Reiterating* that, in spite of the existence of a body of principles and standards already established, there is need to make further efforts to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families,

*Recalling* its resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to establish 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,

<sup>88</sup> A/C.3/37/8.

<sup>89</sup> A/C.3/35/14 and Corr.1.

<sup>90</sup> A/C.3/36/11.

<sup>91</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>92</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>93</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

<sup>94</sup> Resolution 34/180, annex.

Recalling also its resolutions 35/198 of 15 December 1980 and 36/160 of 16 December 1981, by which it renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and requested it to continue its work,

Having examined the progress made by the Working Group during its second inter-sessional meeting, held from 10 to 21 May 1982,

Having also examined the report of the Working Group during the current session of the General Assembly,<sup>95</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and expresses its satisfaction with the substantial progress that the Working Group has so far made in the accomplishment of its mandate;

2. Decides that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the Working Group shall again hold an inter-sessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1983 of the Economic and Social Council;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the report of the Working Group so as to allow the members of the Group to continue their task during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in the spring of 1983, as well as to transmit the results obtained at that meeting in order that the General Assembly may consider them during its thirty-eighth session;

4. Also invites the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations and to international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the Working Group;

5. Decides that the Working Group shall meet during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, to continue and, if possible, to complete the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

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### 37/171. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 34/171 of 17 December 1979 and 35/197 of 15 December 1980 on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as its resolution 36/154 of 16 December 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to organize a seminar at Colombo, in 1982, to consider appropriate arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian region and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,

Having considered the report of the Seminar on National, Local and Regional Arrangements for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asian Region, held at Colombo from 21 June to 2 July 1982,<sup>96</sup>

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Sri Lanka for acting as host to the Seminar on National,

Local and Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Human Rights in the Asian Region, as well as for the excellent facilities provided;

2. Takes note of the report of the Seminar, as well as of the conclusions and recommendations which it adopted by consensus;<sup>97</sup>

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Seminar to States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, to invite their comments thereon and to submit the report of the Seminar, together with the comments received thereon, to the Commission on Human Rights at its fortieth session for its consideration, and to report through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

4. Decides to consider this question further at its thirty-ninth session.

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### 37/172. Regional arrangements for the protection of human rights

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 32/127 of 16 December 1977, 33/167 of 20 December 1978, 34/171 of 17 December 1979, 35/197 of 15 December 1980 and 36/154 of 16 December 1981 concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting the regional arrangements which exist in the African, American, Arab and European regions and also the efforts which are currently under way to initiate Commonwealth activities in the area of human rights,

Welcoming recent developments in the Asian region with a view to consideration of appropriate arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting that the United Nations and regional intergovernmental organizations exchange information and materials on the promotion and protection of human rights,

1. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved so far in the promotion and protection of human rights at the regional level, under the auspices of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the regional intergovernmental organizations;

2. Commends the Organization of African Unity for its continuing efforts to promote respect for the guarantees and norms of human rights and fundamental freedoms and notes with interest the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights<sup>98</sup> and the efforts to obtain its early entry into force;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to compile and update his reports on the status of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights and to include therein a review of the exchanges of experience and information between the United Nations and regional organs and organizations for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as ways and means to further these exchanges, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

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<sup>97</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

<sup>98</sup> See American Society of International Law, *International Legal Materials*, vol. XXI, No. 1, January 1982, p. 59.

<sup>95</sup> See A/C.3/37/7 and Corr. 1 and 2.

<sup>96</sup> A/37/422, annex.