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30 January to 10 March 1989

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 January to 10 March 1989. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 30 January 1989.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda as noted by the Commission at its forty-fourth session is reproduced below (see E/1988/12, paras. 600-609).

Pre-session working groups

3. An open-ended Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights is expected to meet from 28 November to 9 December 1988 with a view to completing the second reading of the draft convention on the rights of the child (Commission resolution 1988/75 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/40).

4. In addition, the forty-fifth session of the Commission is expected to be preceded by meetings of four groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 8 (a): the Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development (Commission resolution 1988/26, Economic and Social Council decision 1988/128) is expected to meet from 23 to 27 January 1989;

* Re-issue for technical reasons.

(b) Item 12 (b): a working group composed of five members of the Commission to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission decision 1988/103, Council decision 1988/127) is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1989;

(c) Item 16: the Group of three members of the Commission appointed under article IX of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention (Commission 1988/14) is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1989.

(d) Item 23: an open-ended working group established to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission resolution 1988/71, Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/39) is scheduled to meet from 23 to 27 January 1988;

In-session working groups

5. In connection with item 20, by resolution 1988/64, the Commission decided to establish at its forty-fifth session an open-ended working group to continue consideration of the revised draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, proposed by Yugoslavia, taking into account all relevant documents.

6. Any decisions or resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, which may be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-third session or by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in 1989, will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of the work of the session.
4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.
5. Question of human rights in Chile.
6. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts.
7. The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and others forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa.
8. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including:
 - (a) Problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; the right to development;
 - (b) The effects of the existing unjust international economic order on the economies of the developing countries, and the obstacle that this represents for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (c) Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights.
9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation.
10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:
 - (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 - (b) Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
 - (c) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances.
11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights.

12. 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, including:
 - (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;
 - (b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group established by the Commission at its forty-fourth session.
13. Question of a convention on the rights of the child.
14. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers.
15. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the question of conscientious objection to military service.
16. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.
17. (a) Study in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination;
- (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.
18. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights.
19. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its fortieth session.
20. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.
21. Advisory services in the field of human rights.
22. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
23. Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.
24. Draft provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission.
25. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the forty-fifth session of the Commission.