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Austria, Canada and Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic:
draft resolution

International co-operation in solving international problems of
a social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting
and encouraging universal respect for, and observance of, human
rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/155 of 4 December 1986 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/42 of 10 March 1987, 1/

Conscious that it is a purpose of the United Nations and the task of all Member States to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Desirous of achieving further progress in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Considering that special emphasis should be put on the effective implementation of the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 5 (E/1987/18 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2/ the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, 3/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 3/ and other relevant international instruments,

Convinced that the effectiveness of United Nations human rights instruments would be enhanced by universal adherence to them as well as by strict compliance of State parties with their voluntarily accepted obligations,

Considering that regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights can make a major contribution to the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and that the exchange of information and experience in this field could be further improved,

Emphasizing the necessity for the international community to continue its efforts to take practical measures to prevent mass and flagrant violations and all other violations of human rights, including all forms of discrimination based on any distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, which continue to take place in many parts of the world contrary to the provisions of international instruments in the field of human rights,

Noting the importance that the promotion and protection of human rights has secured on the international agenda and in relations between States,

1. Calls upon all Member States to implement fully the universally recognized standards for the protection and promotion of human rights, enshrined in particular in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other relevant international instruments;

2. Urges all States to co-operate fully with the relevant bodies of the United Nations system as well as other intergovernmental forums dealing with the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world;

3. Considers that such co-operation will make an effective and practical contribution to the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all;

4. Expresses its conviction that the promotion of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the implementation of universally recognized human rights standards, is particularly important for all countries;

5. Urges Member States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the various international instruments in the field of human rights;

2/ Resolution 217 A (III).

3/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

6. Recognizes the value of common efforts by Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations at international, regional, bilateral and national levels in the field of human rights;
7. Considers that a world public information campaign on human rights would contribute to the promotion and improvement of understanding in the field of human rights;
8. Emphasizes that the wide dissemination of information on human rights is an important task and would contribute to the implementation of universally recognized international human rights standards;
9. Decides to continue the consideration of this question at its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".
