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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General



1. The thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 7 February to 11 March 1977. The first meeting of the thirty-third session will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 7 February 1977.
2. In compliance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Secretary-General submitted to the Commission at its thirty-second session (February/March 1976) a draft provisional agenda for its thirty-third session, indicating the documents to be submitted to the Commission under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation. At its 1379th meeting, on 5 March 1976, the Commission considered the draft submitted by the Secretary-General and by its decision 10 (XXXII) took note of the draft provisional agenda for its thirty-third session as revised during the discussion. It is submitted herewith as the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the Commission drawn up in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. It has been adjusted to reflect the priorities assigned to specific items by the Commission at its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions. Account has also been taken of resolutions adopted so far by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session and by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its twenty-ninth session which have a bearing on the agenda of the Commission.
3. In its resolution 31/80 of 13 December 1976 concerning the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, the General Assembly welcomed the entry into force of that Convention on 18 July 1976; appealed to all States which had not yet become parties to the Convention to accede thereto; and, inter alia, invited the Chairman of the thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a group consisting of three members of the Commission as provided for by article IX of the Convention. The Assembly also invited the Commission on Human Rights to undertake the functions set out under article X of the Convention, in particular to prepare a list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States which are alleged to be responsible for the crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the Commission an item entitled "Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid", which appears as item 13.

4. An item entitled "Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking" had been included in the agenda of the Commission at its twenty-ninth session, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1706 (LIII) and General Assembly resolution 2920 (XXVII). As requested by the Council in resolution 1789 (LIV), the item was again included in the agenda of the thirtieth session, and the Commission then decided to take note of the decision of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in its resolution 6 (XXVI), to entrust to one of its members, Mrs. Halima Warzazi, the task of preparing a study on this question, in co-operation with the Secretariat. At its twenty-ninth session, the Sub-Commission decided, on 31 August 1976, to take note with appreciation of the reports submitted by its Special Rapporteur for the study in question and of the draft recommendations relating thereto, and to send them to the Commission on Human Rights together with the record of the discussion of the question at the twenty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission. The Secretary-General, therefore, has found it appropriate to include again in the provisional agenda of the Commission an item entitled "Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking", which appears as item 20.

5. In conformity with paragraph 5 of rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, an item entitled "Election to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" has been included as item 26 as a result of the resignation, on 9 December 1976, of Mr. Francesco Capotorti (Italy), a member of the Sub-Commission.

6. The Commission, at its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions, assigned the following priorities, which are reflected in the attached provisional agenda:

(a) By resolution 2 (XXXII), the Commission decided to consider as a matter of high priority the item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East";

(b) By resolution 3 (XXXII), the Commission decided to consider the question of the violation of human rights in Chile as a matter of high priority;

(c) By resolution 2 (XXXI), the Commission decided to keep the question of the realization 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 the study of special problems relating to human rights in developing countries, as a standing item on its agenda with high priority;

(d) By resolution 7 (XXXII), the Commission decided to examine as a matter of priority its programme and methods of work in connexion with the question of the further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(e) By resolution 11 (XXXII), the Commission decided to give priority to the item concerning human rights and scientific and technological developments;

(f) By resolution 3 (XXXI), the Commission decided to place the item on the right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial and alien domination on its agenda at each session as a priority item;

(g) By resolution 10 B (XXXII), the Commission decided to consider with priority the item entitled "Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment and in particular the body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment";

(h) By decision 4 (XXXII), the Commission decided to give priority to the consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/L.1336 concerning the question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories.

7. As envisaged by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1694 (LII), an effort was made to group items which appeared to be related ~~as~~ to their substance.

8. In connexion with item 15 of the provisional agenda, "Draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief", it may be recalled that by its decision 7 (XXXII) the Commission decided to establish an open-ended working group which would meet three times a week during its thirty-third session beginning in the first week of the session.

9. The annotations to the items contained in the provisional agenda will be issued in an addendum to this document.

10. Any further decisions or resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the Commission which may be taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session or by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in January 1977 will be brought to the attention of the Commission in another 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 territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East (Commission resolution 2 (XXXII))
5. Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (Commission resolution 3 (XXXII))
6. Situation of human rights in southern Africa
 - (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts (Commission resolutions 5 (XXXI) and 8 (XXXII); Council resolution 1997 (LX))
 - (b) The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa (Commission resolution 6 (XXXII))
7. Question of the realization 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 relating to human rights in developing countries (Commission resolution 2 (XXXI))
8. Human rights and scientific and technological developments (Commission resolutions 10 (XXVII) and 11 (XXXII))
9. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission (Commission resolution 7 (XXXII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 1992 (LX))
10. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial and alien domination (Commission resolution 3 (XXXI))
11. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment and in particular the body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment (Commission resolutions 10 A and B (XXXII); Economic and Social Council resolution 1993 (LX))
12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:
 - (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus (Commission resolution 4 (XXXII))
 - (b) Study of situations which 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 thirty-second session (Commission decision 6 (XXXII) and Economic and Social Council decision 147 (LX))

13. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (articles IX and X of the Convention and General Assembly resolution 31/80)
14. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including:
 - (a) Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations (Commission resolution 1 B (XXXII))
 - (b) The question of conscientious objection to military service (Commission resolution 1 A (XXXII))
15. Draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (General Assembly resolutions 3069 (XXVIII) and 3267 (XXIX); Commission decision 7 (XXXII))
16. Periodic reports on freedom of information (Economic and Social Council resolutions 1074 C (XXXIX) and 1596 (L); Commission resolution 16 B (XXIII))
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 (Commission resolution 9 (XXXII))

(b) Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 3377 (XXX))
18. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (Commission resolution 12 (XXXII))
19. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its twenty-ninth session
20. Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking (General Assembly resolution 2920 (XXVII); Economic and Social Council resolution 1789 (LIV); Commission decision 4 of 6 March 1974)
21. Question of international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live (Economic and Social Council resolutions 1790 (LIV); Commission decision 9 (XXXII))
22. Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock, and the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons (Economic and Social Council resolution 1787 (LIV); Commission resolution 1 (XXXI) and Commission decision 9 (XXXII))
23. Question of measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or on incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred (General Assembly resolution 2839 (XXVI) and Commission decision 9 (XXXII))

24. Advisory services in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 926 (X); Economic and Social Council resolution 1008 (XXXVII); Commission decision 9 (XXXII))
25. Communications concerning human rights (Economic and Social Council resolution 728 F (XXVIII); Commission resolutions 14 (XV) and 15 (XV))
26. Election to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
27. Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
28. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the thirty-third session of the Commission.