

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SECOND SESSION

Information on activities concerning human rights of organs of the United Nations

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Resolutions

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly

Second Session

Resolution concerning threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece adopted by the General Assembly at its hundredth plenary meeting, held on 21 October 1947 (extracts)

1. WHEREAS the peoples of the United Nations have expressed in the Charter of the United Nations their determination to practise tolerance and to live together in peace with one another as good neighbours and to unite their strength to maintain international peace and security; and to that end the Members of the United Nations have obligated themselves to carry out the purposes and principles of the Charter,

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

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5. CALLS UPON Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia on the one hand and Greece on the other to co-operate in the settlement of their disputes by peaceful means, and to that end recommends:

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(4) That they study the practicability of concluding agreements for the voluntary transfer of minorities;

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Resolution on standard form for the guidance of Members in the preparation of information to be transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter adopted by the General Assembly at its hundred and eighth plenary meeting, held on 3 November 1947.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. RECOMMENDS that the Members transmitting information under Article 73e of the Charter be invited to undertake all necessary steps to render the information as complete and up to

date as possible, in order to facilitate the completion of the Secretary-General's summaries and analyses of the information as described in paragraph 2, and, for this purpose, to ensure that the items mentioned in sections II, III and IV of the standard form be covered in so far as they apply to the territories concerned. The Assembly also draws attention to section I of the standard form.

2. RECOMMENDS that the Secretary-General, in submitting annually to the General Assembly his summary and analysis of the information required under Article 73e, including the use of supplemental information as recommended in the resolution on that subject, should in his analyses follow, as far as practicable, the standard form annexed to this resolution, and should include summaries of such information as may be transmitted on the participation by local populations in local organs of government.

Resolution on voluntary transmission of information regarding the development of self-governing institutions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories adopted by the General Assembly at its hundred and eighth plenary meeting, held on 3 November 1947.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING NOTED that some Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories already have voluntarily transmitted information on the development of self-governing institutions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

CONSIDERS that the voluntary transmission of such information and its summarizing by the Secretary-General are entirely in conformity with the spirit of Article 73 of the Charter, and should be therefore duly noted and encouraged.

Resolution on the creation of a special committee on information transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter adopted by the General Assembly at its hundred and eighth plenary meeting held on 3 November 1947.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Invites the Fourth Committee to constitute a special committee to examine the information transmitted under Article 73e of the Charter of the economic, social and educational conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and to submit reports thereon for the consideration of the General Assembly with such procedural recommendations as it may deem fit, and with such substantive recommendations as it may deem desirable relating to functional fields generally but not with respect to individual territories;

2. AUTHORIZES this special committee for this purpose

(a) To avail itself of the counsel and assistance of the specialized agencies in such manner as it may consider necessary or expedient;

(b) To establish liaison with the Economic and Social Council;

- (c) To invite the Members to provide such supplemental information as may be desired within the terms of Article 73e, and

3. CONSIDERS that the special committee should be composed of the Members of the United Nations transmitting information and an equal number of Members elected by the Fourth Committee on behalf of the General Assembly on as wide a geographical basis as possible, the Members to meet as the General Assembly may decide.

Resolution on measures to be taken against war
propaganda and the inciters of a new war adopted
by the General Assembly at its hundred and eighth
plenary meeting, held on 3 November 1947.

WHEREAS in the Charter of the United Nations the peoples express their determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours; and

WHEREAS the Charter also calls for the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, fundamental freedoms which include freedom of expression, all Members having pledged themselves in Article 56 to take joint and separate action for such observance of fundamental freedoms.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. CONDEMNS all forms of propaganda, in whatsoever country conducted, which is either designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression.
2. REQUESTS the Government of each Member to take appropriate steps within its constitutional limits:
 - (a) to promote, by all means of publicity and propaganda available to them, friendly relations among nations based upon the Purposes and Principles of the Charter;
 - (b) to encourage the dissemination of all information designed to give expression to the undoubted desire of all peoples for peace.
3. DIRECTS that this resolution be communicated to the forthcoming Conference on Freedom of Information.

Resolution on the United Nations Conference on
Freedom of information adopted by the General
Assembly at its hundred and seventeenth plenary
meeting, held on 17 November 1947.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED that part of Chapter III of the report of the Economic and Social Council which deals with the convening of a Conference on Freedom of information;

TAKES NOTE of the provisional agenda of the Conference and invites the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the discussion on this matter in the Third Committee of the General Assembly.

Resolution on international co-operation for the prevention of immigration which is likely to disturb friendly relations between nations adopted by the General Assembly at its hundred and seventeenth plenary meeting held on 17 November 1947
(extracts)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING NOTED that its resolutions of 8(I) of 12 February and 62(I) of 15 December 1946 on the question of refugees, and its resolution 103(I) of 19 November 1946 condemning racial and religious discrimination, have not been fully implemented, and that hundreds of thousands of victims of aggression remain in displaced persons camps;

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INVITES the Member States to implement the General Assembly resolution of 19 November 1946;

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Resolution on the Draft Convention on Genocide adopted by the General Assembly at its hundred and twenty-third plenary meeting held on 21 November 1947.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REALIZING the importance of the problem of combating the international crime of genocide;

REAFFIRMING its resolution 96(I) of 11 December 1946 on the crime of genocide;

DECLARING that genocide is an international crime entailing national and international responsibility on the part of individuals and States;

NOTING that a large majority of the Governments of Members of the United Nations have not yet submitted their observations on the draft convention on the crime of genocide prepared by the Secretariat and circulated to those Governments by the Secretary-General on 7 July 1947;

CONSIDERING that the Economic and Social Council has stated in its resolution of 6 August 1947 that it proposed to proceed as rapidly as possible with the consideration of the question of genocide, subject to any further instructions which it may receive from the General Assembly;

REQUESTS the Economic and Social Council to continue the work it has begun concerning the suppression of the crime of genocide, including the study of the draft convention by the Secretariat, and to proceed with the completion of a convention

taking into account that the International Law Commission, which will be set up in due course in accordance with the Assembly Resolution of November 1947 has been charged with the formulation of the principles recognized in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal, as well as the preparation of a draft code of offences against peace and security;

INFORMS the Economic and Social Council that it need not await the receipt of the observations of all Members before commencing its work; and

REQUESTS the Economic and Social Council to submit a report and the convention on this question to the third regular session of the General Assembly.