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DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR WIDER OBSERVANCE OF, AND RESPECT FOR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1. At the ninth session of the Commission, three draft resolutions submitted by the representative of the United States of America on annual reports on human rights (E/CN.4/L.266/Rev.2), advisory services (E/CN.4/L.267/Rev.1), and studies on specific aspects of human rights (E/CN.4/L.268) were discussed briefly under the present item and the item relating to annual reports on human rights. Most of the discussion was devoted to the draft resolution on annual reports (E/2447, Chapter V).
2. The Commission decided to transmit the three draft resolutions to the Council, together with amendments which had been put forward (E/CN.4/L.304,Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.305,Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.306,Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.307,Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.308,Rev.1, E/CN.4/L.309,Rev.1), and the records of the discussion in the Commission. It also recommended that the Council forward these documents to Member States and specialized agencies and request them to submit their comments on the draft resolutions and amendments to the Secretary-General by 1 October 1953 (see E/2447, annex V).
3. The Council at its sixteenth session, acting on this recommendation, decided to transmit the documents to governments and specialized agencies with the request for their comments (resolution 501 C (XVI)).
4. As of 15 January 1954 the Secretary-General has received comments from eight Governments (United States of America, Sweden, Denmark, Pakistan, Chile, Burma, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic,

(E/CN.4/690 and addenda 1-7)) and from two specialized agencies (UNESCO and ILO, (E/CN.4/691 and addendum 1)). The Government of Luxembourg and one specialized agency (WHO) have indicated that they have no comments. The Government of Indonesia replied that it was not in a position to submit its observations by 1 October 1953.

5. At its eighth session on 28 November 1953 the General Assembly adopted the following resolution (resolution 739 (VIII)) which has been transmitted to the Commission by the Council (resolution 510 (XVI) of 7 December 1953).

The General Assembly,

Considering that, under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter, the Members of the United Nations have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Desiring to advance as rapidly as possible a respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms and to stimulate Member States to press forward toward attaining the goals set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights, at its ninth session, considered three draft resolutions (E/CN.4/L.266/Rev.2, E/CN.4/L.267/Rev.1 and E/CN.4/L.268) concerning the development of the work of the United Nations for wider observance of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 501 C (XVI) of 3 August 1953, requested Member States and specialized agencies to submit their comments on the draft resolutions and the amendments thereto to the Secretary-General in so far as possible by 1 October 1953,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To consider, at its tenth session, the three draft resolutions concerning the development of the work of the United Nations for wider

observance of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world, and to prepare if possible, to supplement the provisions of the Covenants on Human Rights, recommendations thereon, in order that these recommendations may be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its eighteenth session;

(b) To take account, at its tenth session, of the comments made by Member States and specialized agencies and of the views expressed on this subject at the eighth session of the General Assembly.^{1/}

^{1/} Views expressed on this subject will be found in the summary records of the 503rd to 511th and 525th to 527th meetings of the Third Committee (A/C.3/SR.503-511 and A/C.3/SR.525-527). See also the report of the Third Committee (A/2573, Chapter IV, Section E).