

1983 on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparations for the Conference.

*Bearing in mind* all its relevant resolutions and decisions regarding preparations for special conferences,

*Having considered* the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>140</sup>

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer of the Government of Kenya to act as host at Nairobi, in 1985, to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission;

4. *Considers* that, within the framework of item 7 of the provisional agenda proposed by the Commission at its first session as the preparatory body for the Conference,<sup>141</sup> particular attention will be paid to the problems of women in Territories under racist colonial rule and in Territories under foreign occupation, on the basis of appropriate documentation from the international conferences on women, held at Mexico City and Copenhagen, with the theme equality, development and peace;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1983/28, to invite non-governmental organizations to participate in the preparations for the Conference;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

*100th plenary meeting  
16 December 1983*

### 38/109. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Articles 1 and 55 of the Charter, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction of any kind, including distinction as to sex,

*Reaffirming* that women and men should, on a basis of equality, participate in and contribute to the social, economic and political processes of development and should share equally in improved conditions of life,

*Recalling* its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981 and 37/64 of 3 December 1982, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/1 of 17 May 1983,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention,<sup>142</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its first session,<sup>143</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing number of Member States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Invites* States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention by ratifying or acceding to it;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its first session;

4. *Welcomes* the fact that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has successfully started its work and, *inter alia*, has adopted general guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports received from States parties under article 18 of the Convention;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the status of the Convention.

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### 38/110. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, in which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Recalling* its resolution 37/187 of 18 December 1982, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider what measures might be necessary to implement the Declaration,

*Believing* that further efforts are required to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or whatever belief,

*Taking note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/40 of 9 March 1983,<sup>144</sup> in which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake a comprehensive and thorough study of the current dimensions of the problems of intolerance and of discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, using as terms of reference the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Expressing its satisfaction* with the action taken by the Sub-Commission regarding the designation of a Special Rapporteur to undertake this study,<sup>145</sup>

*Noting* that the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1983/150 of 27 May 1983, endorsed the request of the Commission on Human Rights to the Secretary-General to hold, within the framework of the advisory services programme in the period 1984-1985, a seminar on the encouragement of understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief,

1. *Pledges* its determination to encourage understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief and expresses the hope that the seminar will contribute towards the realization of these aims;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue its consideration of measures to implement the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance

<sup>140</sup> A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1 and Add.1; transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/38/2 and Add.1).

<sup>141</sup> See A/CONF.116/PC/9 and Corr.1, chap. I, sect. A, recommendation 1.

<sup>142</sup> A/38/378.

<sup>143</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/38/45).*

<sup>144</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.*

<sup>145</sup> See E/CN.4/1984/3-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/43 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. XXI, sect. A, resolution 1983/31.

and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" and to consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights in the context of that item.

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### **38/111. Implications of scientific and technological developments for human rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 33/53 of 14 December 1978, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to urge the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake, as a matter of priority, a study of the question of the protection of those detained on the grounds of mental ill-health, with a view to formulating guidelines,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/130 B of 11 December 1980, 36/56 B of 25 November 1981 and 37/188 of 18 December 1982, in which it noted with satisfaction the progress made by the Sub-Commission and urged the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission to continue and expedite their consideration of this question, so that the Commission could submit its views and recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/37 of 27 May 1983 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/44 of 9 March 1983,<sup>144</sup>

*Noting* that the Commission on Human Rights will not be in a position to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council, as requested in Assembly resolution 37/188, because it was impossible for the Sub-Commission to conclude at its thirty-sixth session its consideration of the draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees,<sup>146</sup>

*Reaffirming its conviction* that detention of persons in mental institutions on account of their political views or on other non-medical grounds is a violation of their human rights,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress made by the Sub-Commission in its consideration of the draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees submitted to it,

*Again urges* the Commission on Human Rights and, through it, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to expedite their consideration of the draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees, so that the Commission can submit its views and recommendations, including a draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

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### **38/112. Human rights and scientific and technological developments**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that scientific and technological progress is one of the important factors in the development of human society,

*Noting once again* the great importance of the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3384 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

*Considering* that implementation of the said Declaration will contribute to the strengthening of international peace and the security of peoples and to their economic and social development, as well as to international co-operation in the field of human rights,

*Seriously concerned* that the results of scientific and technological progress could be used for the arms race, to the detriment of international peace and security and social progress, human rights and fundamental freedoms and the dignity of the human person,

*Recognizing* that the establishment of the new international economic order calls in particular for an important contribution to be made by science and technology to economic and social progress,

*Bearing in mind* that the exchange and transfer of scientific and technological knowledge is one of the important ways to accelerate the social and economic development of the developing countries,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on human rights and scientific and technological developments,<sup>147</sup>

1. *Stresses* the importance of the implementation by all States of the provisions and principles contained in the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind in order to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms:

2. *Calls upon* all States to make every effort to use the achievements of science and technology in order to promote peaceful social, economic and cultural development and progress;

3. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take into account in their programmes and activities the provisions of the Declaration;

4. *Invites* those Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not yet done so to submit their information pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/130 A of 11 December 1980;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to pay special attention, in its consideration of the item entitled "Human rights and scientific and technological developments", to the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration, taking into consideration the information submitted by Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/130 A;

<sup>146</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XVII.

<sup>147</sup> A/38/195.