

UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC
AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL



Distr.
LIMITED

E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/L.72
7 September 1983

Original: ENGLISH

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection
of Minorities
Thirty-sixth session
Agenda item 4

REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH
WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN CONCERNED

Amendment proposed by Mr. Mahdi to
draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/L.14

On resolution under item 4 contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/L.14:

1. Delete portion from "Recommends" on page 1 to page 2 to the words "The Economic and Social Council".

In operative paragraph 1, the word "determines" will be replaced by the word "suggests" and the following words be added after the words "Human Rights" in the same paragraph: "if this post is established".

2. In the preambular part the following be added as a separate paragraph after preambular paragraph 4:

"Stressing the need to have consensus on all important decisions of the organization and operation of the United Nations system for the and protection of human rights".

3. On page 3, operative paragraph 1(g) after the word "to" the words "consider also as areas of special concern and attention" be replaced by the words "accord priority to". The new sentence will thus read as follows:

1(g) "To accord priority to such massive violations of human rights as apartheid, racism and racial discrimination, colonial domination, foreign occupation and alien subjugation".

4. On page 3 after revised paragraph 1(g) a new paragraph be added which will be 1(h) and would read as follows:

"To consider as situations of special concern those resulting from aggression and threats against national sovereignty and also from the denial of the fundamental and inalienable rights of peoples to self-determination and from the refusal to recognize the right of every nation to the exercise of full sovereignty over its wealth and resources".

5. In paragraph 3 (page 3 of the English text) the following words be deleted from lines 1 and 2 of the paragraph:

"nominated by the Secretary-General and"

Paragraph 3 will then read as follows:

"Decides further that the High Commissioner shall be elected by the General Assembly".

6. In the same paragraph, the third sentence shall end with the word "terms". A new sentence will begin which will read as follows:

"The post of the High Commissioner will be based on the principle of regional rotation to ensure that every region gets the post of High Commissioner by rotation".

Thus the words after "terms" in the present text "and his/her immediate successor shall be of a different region" will be deleted.

7. A new operative paragraph be added after paragraph 3:

Also deciding

"That the work now being assigned to Special Rapporteurs appointed to study human rights situations and to prepare studies connected with violation of human rights would be taken over by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, when established".

8. In the English text operative paragraph 1(c) (iv) (eleventh line of the paragraph) the term "disputes" be replaced by "situations".

9. In law and international instruments term "he" and "his" is used to cover "she" and "her". We could, therefore, use the word "he" alone.