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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 February to 16 March 1979. The first meeting of the thirty-fifth session will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday 12 February 1979.
2. The provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth 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 is attached. Annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued in an addendum to the present document.
3. In connexion with items 10 (a) and 11 (a) it may be mentioned that in conformity with Commission decision 8 (XXXIV) and with the approval of the Economic and Social Council a working group open to all members of the Commission is scheduled to meet for one week immediately before the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, from 5 to 9 February 1979. This open-ended working group will, as its principal task, continue the consideration of matters mentioned in Commission decision 4 (XXXIII) entitled "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission" as well as those referred to the Commission by General Assembly resolution 32/130 entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms", and, secondarily, prepare for the Commission concrete drafting proposals for a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
4. With reference to item 18 entitled "Draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief", it may be recalled that the Commission by its resolution 22 (XXXIV) decided to establish a working group open to all members of the Commission which would meet on a regular basis throughout the thirty-fifth session of the Commission to continue the elaboration of the draft declaration.

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 occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
5. Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
6. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts
7. 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
8. Question of the realization in all countries 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 which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights
9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation
10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:
 - (a) Draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
 - (b) Body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment
11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including:
 - (a) Question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms
 - (b) Importance of national institutions in the field of human rights

12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:
 - (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus
 - (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-fourth session
13. Question of a convention on the rights of the child
14. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers
15. Human rights and scientific and technological developments
16. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid
17. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the question of conscientious objection to military service
18. Draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief
19. Periodic reports on human rights:
 - (a) Periodic reports on freedom of information
 - (b) Periodic reports on civil and political rights
20. (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
- (b) Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
21. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights
22. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-first session
23. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

24. Question of international protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live
 25. Question of measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred
 26. Advisory services in the field of human rights
 27. Communications concerning human rights
 28. Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission
 29. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the thirty-fifth session of the Commission
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