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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

Resolutions adopted at the 538th, 539th and 540th meetings
on 22 and 23 March 1956

DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

The Commission on Human Rights,

Having in mind the fact under the programme it has adopted one of the Commission's most important tasks is to promote the realization of the human rights enunciated in the Universal Declaration and in the draft covenants on civil and political rights and on economic, social and cultural rights;

Having regard to the fact that in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the draft covenant on economic, social and cultural rights stress is laid on the necessity for the adoption of special measures for the protection of mothers, children and young persons, and that the Social Commission of the United Nations has prepared a draft declaration of the rights of the child, which declaration has been transmitted by the Economic and Social Council for the consideration of the Commission on Human Rights;

Decides to include the question of the declaration of the rights of the child in the agenda of the thirteenth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

RIGHT OF ASYLUM

The Commission on Human Rights

Considering that the programme of the Commission calls for a continuation of efforts to promote all the human rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

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Recalling that article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution;

Noting that the Commission has been unable to include this right in the draft covenants on human rights;

Recalling that in 1947 the Commission decided to consider the problem of the right of asylum at the earliest opportunity;

Decides to place the question of the right of asylum on the agenda of its thirteenth session.

CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Commission on Human Rights,

Considering that 10 December 1958 will be the tenth anniversary of the adoption and proclamation by the General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 423 (V) on Human Rights Day,

Desiring that plans be developed for the widest possible celebration of this anniversary,

1. Decides to appoint a committee, consisting of the Member States represented on the Bureau of the Commission, to prepare such plans, in consultation with the Secretary-General and the appropriate authorities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies concerned, and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship with the Economic and Social Council;
2. Requests the committee to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirteenth session;
3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to invite the collaboration of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned, in this undertaking.
