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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 1187th meeting on 7 December 1962 the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of its Third Committee, adopted resolution 1776 (XVII) on the further promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The resolution reads:

"The General Assembly,

Recognizing that one of the basic purposes of the United Nations, reflected in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Recalling that the Universal Declaration proclaimed human rights and fundamental freedoms and called upon all peoples and all nations for their universal and effective recognition and observance,

Considering that Member States have pledged themselves to co-operate with the United Nations in promoting universal respect for such human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Taking into account the provisions of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Observing that, notwithstanding many United Nations decisions and recommendations designed to promote the development of universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and despite the progress made, the situation with regard to the granting and observance of these rights remains unsatisfactory in many parts of the world,

Recognizing the need for increased efforts to eradicate as quickly as possible manifestations leading to every kind of violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind the need to hasten the application of the most important recommendations of the United Nations on the safeguarding of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to enhance the effectiveness and increase the practical results of United Nations activity in this field,

Proposes that the Economic and Social Council should instruct the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To study and to encourage the adoption of measures designed to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to devote special attention to this matter during the United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To submit to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session a report and recommendations on this question."

2. The Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirty-fourth session decided to forward the General Assembly resolution to the Commission on Human Rights.

3. The attention of the Commission is drawn to the report of the Third Committee on this matter (A/5314, paras. 68-78 and 93).
