

Mindful of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of the host countries,

Noting, in particular, that the problems of migrant workers, which are becoming more serious in some regions for political and economic reasons and for social and cultural reasons, constitute a matter of grave concern and continue to be of the greatest importance to certain countries,

Mindful of the important contribution made by the International Labour Organisation in the protection of the rights of all migrant workers,

Appreciating also the efforts of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in matters relating to migrant workers,

Deeply concerned at the fact that, despite the general effort made by Member States, regional intergovernmental organizations and various United Nations bodies, migrant workers are still unable fully to exercise their rights in the social field and in the labour field as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing, therefore, the efforts that must still be made effectively to protect the rights of all migrant workers and their living conditions,

Recalling its resolutions 1981/21 of 6 May 1981 and 1983/16 of 26 May 1983, and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/45 of 9 March 1983,⁶⁸

Recalling also its resolutions 1980/16 of 30 April 1980 and 1981/35 of 9 May 1981,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979;

2. *Expresses again its conviction* that the drafting of that convention will further facilitate the exchanges of views needed for protecting the human rights and improving the situation of migrant workers and their families;

3. *Expresses the hope* that substantial progress will be made by the Working Group during the two meetings to be held in 1983 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/170 of 17 December 1982, with a view to completing the drafting of the convention during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1984 the question of measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and to monitor the status of work done with a view to protecting the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

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1983/41. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its important responsibilities under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.⁸³

Recalling its resolutions 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, 1979/43 of 11 May 1979 and 1982/33 of 6 May 1982 and its decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1981,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 37/191 of 18 December 1982,

Having considered the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁸⁴

Noting that, as a result of continuing improvements in the work of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, consideration of the reports of the States parties is becoming more thorough,

Mindful of the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the control and limitation of documentation,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

2. *Invites* States that have thus far neither ratified nor acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to do so, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/191;

3. *Calls upon* States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit reports required under article 16 thereof, in accordance with the programme established by Council resolution 1988 (LX), and urges States parties that have not yet done so to submit their initial reports as soon as possible and, in those instances in which it is not possible to do so, to inform the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights when those reports will be submitted;

4. *Invites* States parties to the Covenant, in preparing their reports, to comply with the guidelines established by the Secretary-General concerning the form and content of reports;

5. *Urges* States parties to the Covenant which are submitting reports for consideration by the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, taking into account paragraph 24 (g) of its report,⁸⁴ to be mindful of the importance of submitting their reports twelve weeks before the session of the Group of Experts in order to permit processing by the Secretariat and adequate study by the members of the Group of Experts;

6. *Requests* the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to consider including in its report to the Council brief summaries of the consideration of each country report;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the summary records of the proceedings of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic,

⁸³ *Ibid.*

⁸⁴ E/1983/41.

Social and Cultural Rights are made available to the Council at the time the report of the Group of Experts is considered by the Council;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations press service issues press releases on the

proceedings of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

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