

**1983/32. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-fifth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the terms of reference of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and in particular Commission on Human Rights resolutions 17 (XXXVII) of 10 March 1981<sup>64</sup> and 1982/23 of 10 March 1982,<sup>65</sup>

*Recalling in particular* that members of the Sub-Commission are elected by the Commission on Human Rights as experts in their individual capacity,

*Considering* that the same criteria and qualifications should apply to alternates as to members,

*Decides* that, notwithstanding paragraph 2 of article 13 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>66</sup> the following rules shall henceforth apply to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

(a) A nomination of a candidate for membership of the Sub-Commission may be accompanied by a nomination of an expert of the same nationality, who shall be elected simultaneously with the candidate for membership, and who may serve temporarily as an alternate if the member is unable to attend;

(b) The qualifications for alternates shall be the same as for members;

(c) No person may serve as alternate for a member except the expert elected as alternate, pursuant to subparagraph (a) above.

*15th plenary meeting  
27 May 1983*

**1983/33. Updating of the study on the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Mindful* of resolution 1982/2 of 7 September 1982, of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities<sup>67</sup> and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/24 of 4 March 1983,<sup>68</sup> related to the revision and updating of the study on the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide,<sup>69</sup>

1. *Requests* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint one of its members as Special Rapporteur with the mandate to revise, as a whole, and update the study on the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide, taking into consideration the views expressed by the members of the Sub-Commission and the Commission on Human Rights, as well as replies of Governments, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations and

<sup>64</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25)*, chap. XXVII.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12)*, chap. XXVI.

<sup>66</sup> See E/5975/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10).

<sup>67</sup> See E/CN.4/1983/4 and Corr.2, chap. XXI, sect. A.

<sup>68</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13)*, chap. XXVII.

<sup>69</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/416.

non-governmental organizations to a questionnaire to be prepared by the Special Rapporteur;

2. *Further requests* the Sub-Commission to consider and to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its fortieth session the aforementioned revised and updated study.

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27 May 1983*

**1983/34. Status of the individual and contemporary international law**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Mindful* of resolution 1982/35 of 10 September 1982 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities<sup>70</sup> and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/26 of 4 March 1983,<sup>68</sup>

*Expressing its deep appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur, Mrs. Erica-Irene A. Daes, for the work she has thus far accomplished in connection with the important study in progress on the status of the individual and contemporary international law,

1. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to continue her work on the above-mentioned study with a view to submitting, if possible, her final report to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its thirty-sixth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit a reminder with the relevant questionnaire to Governments, specialized agencies, regional organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that have not yet replied, to submit if they so wish their comments on and replies to the questionnaire of the Special Rapporteur;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all the assistance she may require in her work.

*15th plenary meeting  
27 May 1983*

**1983/35. Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1982/36 of 7 May 1982,

*Bearing in mind* Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/32 of 8 March 1983,<sup>68</sup>

*Mindful* of the role that the United Nations could play in the promotion, protection and restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the world,

*Conscious* of the request of the Government of Equatorial Guinea for assistance in the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country with a view to ensuring, in particular, the right of the population to participate in the management of public affairs in the country,

1. *Takes note* of the meetings held between the Permanent Representative of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations and officials of the United Nations Development Programme;

<sup>70</sup> See E/CN.4/1983/4 and Corr.1, chap. XXI, sect. A.