

1984/38. Draft body of principles and guidelines on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/31 of 8 March 1983⁸⁰ and resolution 1982/24 of 8 September 1982 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁸¹ by which the Sub-Commission, *inter alia*, requested Mrs. Erica-Irene A. Daes to prepare draft principles on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Mindful of Sub-Commission resolution 1983/40 of 7 September 1983⁸² and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1984/56 of 15 March 1984,⁸³

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 elaboration of a study on draft principles on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms,

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-seventh session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the relevant questionnaire, which will be prepared by the Special Rapporteur on the basis of the above-mentioned resolutions, and the comments made by the members of the Sub-Commission to Governments, specialized agencies, regional organizations, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations for their comments and replies;

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

*20th plenary meeting
24 May 1984*

1984/39. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief

The Economic and Social Council,

Conscious of the need to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

⁸⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.*

⁸¹ See E/CN.4/1983/4, chap. XXI and Corr.1, sect. A.

⁸² See E/CN.4/1984/3 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. XXI, sect. A.

⁸³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 4 (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II.*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, in which the Assembly proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/40 of 9 March 1983,⁸⁴

Welcoming the appointment by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of a Special Rapporteur to undertake the comprehensive and thorough study requested in that resolution,

Noting Sub-Commission resolution 1983/31 of 6 September 1983,⁸⁵

Aware that intolerance and discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief continue to occur in many parts of the world,

1. Authorizes the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust the Special Rapporteur, Mrs. Odio Benito, with the preparation of a study, in accordance with the terms of Sub-Commission resolution 1983/31, on the current dimensions of the problems of intolerance and of discrimination on grounds of religion or belief;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all the assistance she may require in her work;

3. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit her study to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-seventh session;

4. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider this matter further at its forty-first session under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief".

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24 May 1984*

1984/40. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 34/171 of 17 December 1979, 35/197 of 15 December 1980 and 36/154 of 16 December 1981 on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 37/171 of 17 December 1982, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Seminar on National, Local and Regional Arrangements for the Protection of Human Rights in the Asian Region, held at Colombo from 21 June to 2 July 1982,⁸⁶ to States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and to invite their comments thereon,

⁸⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.*

⁸⁵ See E/CN.4/1984/3 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. XXI, sect. A.

⁸⁶ A/37/422, annex.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights⁸⁷ and the comments of States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific annexed thereto;

2. *Requests* States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific region that have not yet done so to communicate their comments on the report of the Seminar on National, Local and Regional Arrangements for the Protection of Human Rights in the Asian Region to the Secretary-General in time for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his report, together with further comments on the Seminar received from States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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24 May 1984*

1984/41. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the need for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and in developing and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling in that regard the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁸⁸ of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁸⁹ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁹⁰

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 1983/40 of 27 May 1983, and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1984/61 of 15 March 1984,⁹¹

Recalling also its resolutions 1980/16 of 30 April 1980 and 1981/35 of 8 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 1984 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 38/86 of 16 December 1983, with a view to completing the drafting of the convention during the thirty-ninth session of the Assembly;

4. *Decides* to consider at its first regular session of 1985 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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1984/42. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1982/40 of 7 May 1982,

Having examined the extract from the progress report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa,⁹²

Noting with grave concern that police and State interference in industrial disputes and repression against independent black trade union movements have persisted,

1. *Takes note* of the extract from the progress report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa;

2. *Demands* the cessation of persecution of trade unionists by the Government of South Africa;

⁸⁷ A/39/174-E/1984/38.

⁸⁸ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁸⁹ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁹⁰ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 4 (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II.*

⁹² E/1984/85, annex.