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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-first session of the Commission will be held at the United Nations Office, Geneva, from 3 February to 7 March 1975. The first meeting will be convened at 3 p.m. Monday, 3 February 1975. The provisional agenda for the session, drawn up under rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is attached. The annotations to the items contained in the provisional agenda will be issued shortly in an addendum to this document and any relevant decisions of the Council at its organizational session in January 1975 will be indicated in another addendum to this document.

2. The order of listing of the various items in the attached provisional agenda reflects the decisions of various organs of the United Nations but is subject to any further action which may be taken by the Council at its organizational session at the beginning of January 1975. Accordingly the first substantive item on the provisional agenda is item 4 (violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East) to which the Commission decided in its resolution 1 (XXX) to give high priority. The second substantive item is item 5 (draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief) which the Commission through the Council has been asked by the General Assembly in its resolution 3267 (XXIX) to submit to the Assembly's thirtieth session in 1975. In decision 2 of 5 March 1974 the Commission decided to give priority to this item.

3. The following items on the provisional agenda are those to which the Commission at its thirtieth session decided to give priority. Some of these items have been grouped together as suggested by the Council in its resolution 1694 (LII) of 2 June 1972 and some of the sub-items listed under these items have not been the subject of specific decisions concerning priorities. Thus, the Commission in its decision 3 of 6 March 1974 decided to examine the report of its Ad Hoc Working Group on Communications as a matter of priority at its thirty-first session. Accordingly the matter has been included as item 6 (a). Item 6 (b) relating to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts was usually included as a

sub-item of the item. As a result of consultations with the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights under rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure on the Functional Commission of the Council, the next item is item 7 which relates to the study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, which the Sub-Commission in resolution 8 (XXVII) recommended that the Commission undertake at its thirty-first session; the recommendation was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3219 (XXIX) on 6 November 1974. "In decision 9 of 7 March 1974 the Commission accorded priority to the discussion at its thirty-first session to item 8 (a) relating to the question of conscientious objection to military service. As this sub-item forms part of the item on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, the other sub-item relating to channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations has been included pursuant to Council resolution 1842 (LVI) of 15 May 1974 as item 8 (b). Also in decision 9 of 7 March 1974 the Commission accorded priority at its thirty-first session to item 9 on the reports of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

4. In view of the importance attached to it by the Commission in its decision of 3 April 1973 and General Assembly's resolutions 3149 (XXVIII) and 3218 (XXIX) the item on Human Rights and Scientific and Technological Developments has been included as item 10. Item 11 on the question of international legal protection of human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live has been included separately as item 11 since the Council in its resolution 1871 (LVI) of 17 May 1974 requested the Sub-Commission to submit appropriate recommendations to the Commission at its thirty-first session and because the Council decided to consider it at its fifty-eighth session in 1975. Item 12 relates to the Report of Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its twenty-seventh session which also deals with the question mentioned under item 11. As regards item 13 on the study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock the Council in its resolution 1787 (LIV) requested the Commission to consider this question again at its thirty-first session. In resolution 10 (XXX) the Commission decided to consider the question of a long term programme of its work at its thirty-first session and this matter is to be discussed under item 14 on further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The other items on the provisional agenda have been included pursuant to decisions of the Commission and the organs to which it reports.

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organisation of the work of the session (Economic and Social Council resolution 1694 (LII) and Commission resolution 2 (XXV)).
4. Question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East (Commission resolution 1 (XXX)).
5. Draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (General Assembly resolutions 3069 (XXVIII) and 3267 (XXIX); Commission decision 2 of 5 March 1974).
6. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:
 - (a) Study of situations which reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Communications (Commission decision 3 of 6 March 1974 and Economic and Social Council decision 15 (LVI)).
 - (b) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts (Commission resolution 19 (XXIX) and Economic and Social Council resolution 1868 (LVI)).
7. Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (resolution 8 (XXVII)) of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and General Assembly Resolution 3219 (XXIX).
8. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights (Commission resolution 11 A (XXVIII)), including:
 - (a) The question of conscientious objection to military service: Report of the Secretary General (Commission resolution 11 B (XXVII) and decision 9 of 7 March 1974).
 - (b) Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations: Report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Youth (Economic and Social Council resolution 1842 (LVI)).

9. Reports of the first, second and third sessions of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (Economic and Social Council resolution 1584 (L) and Commission decision 9 of 7 March 1974).
10. Human rights and scientific and technological developments: Report of the Secretary General (General Assembly resolutions 2450 (XXIII), 2721 (XXV), 3026 B (XXVII), 3149 (XXVIII) and 3268 (XXIX); Commission resolutions 10 (XXVII) and 2 (XXX)).
11. Question of international legal protection of human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live (Economic and Social Council resolution 1790 (LIV) and 1871 (LVI)).
12. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of minorities on its twenty-seventh session.
13. Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock, and the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons (Economic and Social Council resolution 1787 (LIV)).
14. Periodic reports on economic, social and cultural rights (Economic and Social Council resolutions 1596 (L) and 1793 (LIV) and decision of 18 May 1973).
15. Question of measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or on incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred (General Assembly resolution 2839 (XXVI) and Commission decision 9 of 7 March 1974).
16. Study of the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile, and the study of the right of arrested persons to communicate with those with whom it is necessary for them to consult in order to ensure their defense or to protect their essential interests, and draft principles on freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention (Commission resolution 23 (XXV) and decision 9 of 7 March 1974).
17. Advisory services in the field of human rights.
18. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms including the question of a long term programme of work of the Commission (Commission resolution 10 (XXX)).
19. Communications concerning human rights.
20. Election of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (Economic and Social Council resolution 1335 (XLIV)).
21. Draft Provisional Agenda for the thirty-second session of the Commission. (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII)).
22. Report of the thirty-first session of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council.