

1989/74. Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1982/20 of 10 March 1982 on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of *apartheid* and colonialism,¹²⁴

Recalling also its resolutions 1982/20 of 4 May 1982 and 1983/30 of 26 May 1983 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others,

Considering that the report of its Special Rapporteur on the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others¹²⁵ still constitutes a useful basis for further action,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 38/107 of 16 December 1983 and 40/103 of 13 December 1985 on the prevention of prostitution,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade and slavery-like practices still exist, that there are modern manifestations of those phenomena and that such practices represent some of the gravest violations of human rights,

Aware of the complexity of the issue of the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, and the need for further co-ordination and co-operation to implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur and by various United Nations bodies,

1. Reminds States parties to the Slavery Convention of 1926, the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956, and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949 of their obligation to submit to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities regular reports on the situation in their countries, as provided for under the relevant conventions and under Council decision 16 (LVI);

2. Endorses the request made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1989/35 of 6 March 1989¹²⁶ that the Secretary-General should assign a full-time professional staff member to serve the Working Group and undertake other activities relating to contemporary forms of slavery under the post which has been included in the budget of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat for questions relating to slavery and slavery-like practices;

3. Also endorses the request made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1988/42 of 8 March 1988,¹⁰⁸ that the Secretary-General should report to the Council on the steps taken by Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to implement the recommendations made in Council resolution

1983/30, and the request made by the Commission in its resolution 1989/35 that the Secretary-General should report to the Council at its first regular session of 1990 on the comments received;

4. Further endorses the request made by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1989/35 that the Secretary-General should designate the Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the co-ordination of United Nations activities for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

5. Decides to consider the question of the suppression of traffic in persons at its first regular session of 1990 under the agenda item entitled "Human rights".

*16th plenary meeting
24 May 1989*

1989/75. Status of special rapporteurs

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered resolution 1988/37 of 1 September 1988 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities¹²⁷ and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/37 of 6 March 1989,¹²⁶

1. Concludes that a difference has arisen between the United Nations and the Government of Romania as to the applicability of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946¹²⁸ to Mr. Dumitru Mazilu as Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

2. Requests, on a priority basis, pursuant to Article 96, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 89 (I) of 11 December 1946, an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal question of the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations in the case of Mr. Dumitru Mazilu as Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission.

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1989/76. Principles and guarantees for the protection of persons detained on grounds of mental ill-health or suffering from mental disorder

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/40 of 6 March 1989,¹²⁶

1. Authorizes an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the forty-sixth session of the Commission to examine, revise and simplify as necessary the draft body of principles and guarantees for the protection of mentally ill persons and for the improvement of mental health care submitted to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,¹²⁹ with a view to submitting it to the Commission at its forty-sixth session;

¹²⁷See E/CN.4/1989/3-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1988/45, chap. II, sect. A.

¹²⁸General Assembly resolution 22 A (I).

¹²⁹See E/CN.4/Sub.2/1988/23, sect. IV.

¹²⁴See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

¹²⁵E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

¹²⁶See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.