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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 29 January to 9 March 1990. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. Monday, 29 January 1990.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Pre-session working groups

3. The forty-sixth session of the Commission is expected to be preceded by meetings of four groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 13 (b): Working Group on Situations, composed of five members of the Commission, to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission decision 1989/109, Council decision 1989/144) is scheduled to meet from 22 January to 26 January 1990;

(b) Item 15: an open-ended working group established to examine, revise and simplify the draft body of principles and guarantees for the protection of mentally ill persons and for the improvement of mental health care (Commission resolution 1989/40, Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/76) is scheduled to meet from 8 January to 19 January 1990.

(c) Item 16: the group of three members of the Commission appointed under article IX of the International Convention on Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention (Commission resolution 1989/8, Economic and Social Council decision 1989/137) is scheduled to meet from 22 January to 26 January 1990.

(d) Item 25: an open-ended working group established to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individual groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission resolution 1989/60, Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/80) is scheduled to meet from 17 January to 26 January 1990.

4. In addition, a global consultation on the realization of the right to development (Commission resolution 1989/45) is scheduled to meet from 8 to 12 January 1990.

In-session working groups

5. In connection with item 21, the Commission, by resolution 1989/61, decided to establish at its forty-sixth session an open-ended working group to continue consideration of the revised draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, proposed by Yugoslavia, taking into account all relevant documents.

6. Any decisions and resolutions affecting the provisional agenda at the forty-sixth session of the Commission, which may be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session or by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in 1990, will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization of the work of the session
4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
5. Question of human rights in Chile
6. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts
7. The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the colonial and racist régime in southern Africa
8. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including:
 - (a) Problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; foreign debt, economic adjustment policies and their effects on the full enjoyment of human rights and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development;
 - (b) The effects of the existing unjust international economic order on the economies of the developing countries, and the obstacle that this represents for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (c) Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights
9. Question of the realization of the right to development
10. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation
11. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:
 - (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
 - (b) Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
 - (c) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

12. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission:
 - (a) Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;
 - (c) Co-ordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations bodies and machinery dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights
13. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:
 - (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;
 - (b) Study of situations which appear to 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 Working Group on Situations established by the Commission at its forty-fifth session
14. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers
15. Human rights and scientific and technological developments
16. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid
17. (a) Study in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination;
- (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
18. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights
19. Effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments
20. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-first session
21. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

22. Measures to be taken against all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences
23. Advisory services in the field of human rights
24. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief
25. Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms
26. Elections of members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
27. Draft provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission
28. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the forty-sixth session of the Commission.
