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Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 788th plenary meeting on 12 December 1958, the General Assembly decided to give priority, at its fourteenth session, to the consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights - a Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and a Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
2. The draft Covenants have been under discussion in the General Assembly since its ninth session. So far the Third Committee has adopted: the preamble and article 1 of each Covenant; articles 6 to 16 of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and articles 6 to 11 of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The texts of the provisions adopted by the Third Committee are reproduced in documents A/3824, annex and A/4045.^{1/}
3. According to the programme laid down by the Third Committee at its eleventh session, the Committee, after completing the consideration of the substantive articles of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, would take up the general provisions in part II of each Covenant, and then parts IV and V.
4. The original text of the draft Covenants and proposals relating thereto are contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its tenth session.^{2/}
5. The observations of Governments and of specialized agencies on the draft Covenants submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 833 (IX) are contained

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/2573), annexes I, II, and III.

in documents A/2910 and Add.1-6 and A/2907 and Add.1-2.^{3/} An annotation of the text of the draft Covenants, prepared by the Secretary-General, was distributed as document A/2929,^{4/} and a compilation of amendments and proposed new articles will be found in document A/C.3/L.460.^{5/}

^{3/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 28, part I.

^{4/} Ibid., part II.

^{5/} Ibid., part I.