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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE
CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND THE
DEPORTATION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with paragraph 6 of article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation,^{1/} the Secretary-General has the honour to distribute to the Members of the General Assembly the following communication which he has received from the Director-General of the International Labour Office:

I have the honour to refer further to our correspondence of July 1956 concerning the inclusion in the Convention concerning Forced Labour, which was under consideration by the International Labour Conference, of references to the abolition of concentration camps and the deportation of national minorities.

I now have the honour to inform you that the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, at its 136th session, authorized me to communicate to you a resolution concerning the Abolition of Concentration Camps and the Deportation of National Minorities which was adopted at the 40th (1957) session of the International Labour Conference.

This resolution is in the following terms:

"The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

"Having adopted the Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957,

"Recalling that the Conference at its 39th Session adopted proposals for a Convention concerning forced labour which also

1/ Article II, paragraph 6, of the said Agreement reads as follows:

"6. Written statements of the Organisation shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to all Members of the General Assembly, the Council and its commissions, and the Trusteeship Council as appropriate."

contained provisions for the abolition of concentration camps and the deportation of national minorities,

"Recalling further that the adoption of these provisions was subject to the necessary consultation with the United Nations regarding full co-ordination of efforts between the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation,

"Considering that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has expressed the view that any international consideration of these matters would appear to fall within the sphere of responsibility of the United Nations itself, and has suggested that the general problem of avoiding undesirable duplication or inconsistencies in the texts of the proposed I.L.O. Convention on Forced Labour and the Draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which is now in the course of preparation within the framework of the United Nations, be further considered,

"Stressing the importance of consideration by the United Nations of measures designed to bring about the abolition of concentration camps and the deportation of national minorities which constitute a danger to mankind of a similar character to forced labour, and a violation of fundamental principles of human rights,

"Draws the attention of the United Nations to the importance of considering what measures can be adopted for the effective prohibition and suppression of concentration camps and of the deportation of national minorities."

I have the honour to request you to bring this resolution to the attention of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly at such time and in such manner as you may deem most appropriate.

(Signed) David A. MORSE
Director-General
