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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED
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HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

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Philippines, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian
Arab Republic, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia:
revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the international covenants on human rights in further promoting international co-operation for respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Considering that the acceptance by Member States of the obligations contained in those Covenants is an important element for the universal realization of and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ideal of free human beings enjoying freedom from fear and want can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby everyone may enjoy economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights,

Recalling its resolution 32/130 of 16 December 1977 in which it was decided that the approach to the future work within the United Nations system with respect to human rights questions should take into account the concepts contained therein,

Recalling also its resolution 33/104 that requested the Commission on Human Rights to continue, with high priority, the overall analysis of the alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, which will contribute to the implementation of resolution 32/130,

Further recalling its resolution 32/197, in particular paragraphs II.1 (b) and VI.5 of its annex, regarding the responsibilities of the Economic and Social Council to monitor and evaluate the implementation of overall strategies, policies and priorities established by the General Assembly,

Noting with interest Economic and Social Council decisions 1979/29, 1979/30, resolution 4 (XXXV) and resolution 5 (XXXV) of 2 March 1979 of the Commission on Human Rights, the latter of which reiterated that "the right to development is a human right and that equality of opportunity for development is as much a prerogative of nations as of individuals within nations",

Recognizing the need to create satisfactory conditions at the national and international levels for the full promotion and protection of the human rights of individuals and peoples,

Noting with interest that in the Final Declaration of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries, held in September 1979, the non-aligned countries called on the United Nations "to continue working towards ensuring human rights in a comprehensive manner, to ensure the dignity of human beings" and, in this regard, reaffirmed their own willingness "to work actively for the implementation of the steps outlined in the United Nations resolution 32/130 in the form which it prescribes, through existing structures of the United Nations system",

Taking into account resolution 1979/36 of the Economic and Social Council,

1. Notes with satisfaction the report of the work relating to the overall analysis submitted to the General Assembly by the Commission on Human Rights through the Economic and Social Council, in conformity with resolution 32/130;
2. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue at its thirty-sixth session its ongoing work on the overall analysis with a view to further promoting and improving human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the Commission's programme and working methods, and on the overall analysis of the alternative approaches and ways and means for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the provisions and concepts of its resolution 32/130;

3. Reiterates its profound conviction that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interdependent: equal attention and urgent consideration should be given to the implementation, promotion and protection of both civil and political, and economic, social and cultural rights;

4. Reaffirms the absolute necessity under all circumstances to eliminate massive and flagrant violations of human rights and of the rights of peoples and individuals affected by situations such as those enumerated in operative paragraph 1 (e) of its resolution 32/130:

5. Reaffirms also that it is of paramount importance for the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms that Member States undertake specific obligations through accession to or ratification of international instruments in this field; consequently, the standard-setting work within the United Nations system in the field of human rights and the universal acceptance and implementation of the relevant international instruments should be encouraged;

6. Emphasizes the need to create conditions on the national and international levels for the full promotion and protection of the human rights of individuals and peoples;

7. Recognizes that in order to fully guarantee human rights and complete personal dignity, it is necessary to guarantee the right to work, worker participation in management, and the right to education, health and proper nourishment, through the adoption of measures at the national and international levels, including the establishment of the new international economic order:

8. Emphasizes that the right to development is a human right and that equality of opportunity for development is as much a prerogative of nations as of individuals within nations:

9. Requests the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session, to study the existing human and other resources that the Division of Human Rights has at its disposal for the implementation of General Assembly resolutions, on the basis of complete data which the Secretary-General is requested to provide to it and thereafter to make recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, with a view to further improving the working of the Division:

10. Requests the Secretary-General to give, through the advisory services programme in the field of human rights, priority to the holding in 1980 of a seminar as already decided by Economic and Social Council decision 1979/30 on the effect of the present unjust international economic order on the economies of developing countries and the obstacle this constitutes for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in particular for the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living as stated in article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

11. Requests the Secretary-General and concerned organs and bodies of the United Nations system to implement fully the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/36;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, taking also into account relevant information already available within the United Nations, and present to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, a study on the nature and extent to which the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are affected by present international conditions, with particular reference to situations resulting from apartheid; all forms of racial discrimination; colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism; policies tending to divide the world into spheres of influence; the arms race; foreign domination and occupation; aggression and threats against national sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity; refusal to recognize the fundamental rights of peoples to self-determination and of every nation to the exercise of full sovereignty over its wealth and natural resources; intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States, particularly with reference to developing countries; as well as from the existence of the unjust system of international economic relations, taking into account the conclusions of the seminar mentioned in paragraph 10 of this resolution;

13. Requests also that the Secretary-General convey the present resolution to the specialized agencies concerned and to all United Nations bodies that deal with human rights;

14. Requests further that the Secretary-General present to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".
