

and to call upon them to provide the Special Rapporteur with any information or comments they may wish to present on the matter;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to give the updated report of the Special Rapporteur the widest distribution and publicity as a United Nations publication.

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1990/35. Right to freedom of opinion and expression
The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1984/26 of 12 March 1984, 1985/17 of 11 March 1985, 1986/46 of 12 March 1986, 1987/32 of 10 March 1987, 1988/37 and 1988/39 of 8 March 1988, 1989/31 of 6 March 1989 and 1989/56 of 7 March 1989,

Recalling also decision 1988/110 of 1 September 1988 and resolution 1989/14 of 31 August 1989 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Taking into account the working paper on the right to freedom of opinion and expression prepared by Mr. Danilo Türk,⁸⁰

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. Louis Joinet and Mr. Danilo Türk, members of the Sub-Commission, with the preparation of a study on the right to freedom of opinion and expression, current problems in the realization of that right and measures necessary for strengthening and promoting it;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteurs to carry out the above-mentioned study;

3. *Requests* the Special Rapporteurs to submit a preliminary report on the study to the Sub-Commission for consideration at its forty-second session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session, for comments.

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1990/36. Compensation for victims of gross violations of human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolutions 1988/11 of 1 September 1988 and 1989/13 of 31 August 1989 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/35 of 2 March 1990,⁷⁸

1. *Authorizes* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust Mr. Theo van Boven with the task of undertaking a study concerning the right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, taking into

⁸⁰ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/26.

account, *inter alia*, relevant existing international human rights norms on compensation and judgements by courts and decisions and views of international human rights organs and bodies, with a view to exploring the possibility of developing basic principles and guidelines in this respect;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide Mr. van Boven with all the assistance that he may require for the completion of his task.

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1990/37. Question of a draft body of principles and guarantees for the protection of mentally ill persons and for the improvement of mental health care

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/38 of 6 March 1990,⁷⁸

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-seventh session of the Commission to continue the examination, revision and simplification of a draft body of principles and guarantees for the protection of mentally ill persons and for the improvement of mental health care, for submission to the Commission at its forty-seventh session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all facilities to the working group for its meeting to be held prior to the forty-seventh session of the Commission and to prepare and transmit to the working group a working paper covering the articles that remain to be discussed and taking account of the comments and suggestions made by Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations.

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1990/38. Guidelines on the use of computerized personal files

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 44/132 of 15 December 1989,

Taking account of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/42 of 6 March 1990,⁷⁸

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Louis Joinet, for the revised version of the guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files;⁸¹

2. *Decides* to transmit the revised draft guidelines to the General Assembly for appropriate action;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of all Governments to the revised draft guidelines;

⁸¹ E/CN.4/1990/72.