

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its first regular session of 1991, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in its resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that have not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

4. *Endorses* the request of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1990/63, that the staff member appointed to serve the Working Group and undertake other activities relating to contemporary forms of slavery in the post which has been included in the budget of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat for questions relating to slavery and slavery-like practices be assigned on a full-time basis;

5. *Endorses* the request of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1989/35, which was reiterated in its resolution 1990/63, that the Secretary-General designate the Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the co-ordination of activities in the United Nations for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

6. *Decides* to consider the question of the suppression of traffic in persons at its first regular session of 1991 under the item entitled "Human rights".

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1990/47. Developments relevant to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/135 of 15 December 1989 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/46 of 6 March 1989⁹⁸ and taking note of Commission resolution 1990/25 of 27 February 1990,⁷⁸

Considering that the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms is one of the basic aims of the United Nations according to the Charter and an issue of the utmost importance for the Organization,

Recognizing that the work-load of the Centre for Human Rights has increased rapidly in recent years,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation and developments regarding the logistical and human resources support for the activities of the Centre for Human Rights,⁹⁸ in particular the conclusion that the work-load of the Centre has increased, while resources have failed to keep pace with the increase in its responsibilities;⁹⁹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, programme and resource proposals for long-term solutions of the problems posed by this situation, taking also into account the proposals contained in the report

of the Task Force on Computerization,¹⁰⁰ as well as in the study¹⁰¹ carried out by an independent expert, concerning the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a brief report on actions taken in 1990 and those planned for 1991, as interim solutions of these problems;

4. *Decides* to refer the report of the Secretary-General⁹⁸ to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session and the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies at their next meeting, for consideration.

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1990/48. Enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights and the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/167 of 15 December 1989,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights under the Charter of the United Nations,

Appreciating the contribution made by the Commission to the cause of human rights and recognizing the need to reinforce it,

Reaffirming that the Commission shall be guided by the standards in the field of human rights laid down in the various international instruments concerned with the protection and promotion of human rights,

Aware of the fact that the promotion, protection and full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, as legitimate concerns of the world community, should be guided by the principles of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity and should not be used for political ends,

Emphasizing the importance of further improving the effective functioning of the Commission in the field of human rights,

Convinced that in order to achieve universally recognized objectives, improvements in the functioning of the Commission and measures of rationalization should be a matter for continuous consideration,

Taking note of the relevant section of the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries adopted at Belgrade on 7 September 1989¹⁰² stating the need to strengthen the role and efficiency of the United Nations and to reinforce its mechanisms,

Stressing that the special rapporteurs and working groups of the Commission on Human Rights are some of the key elements for analysing, reporting on and monitoring human rights, which are essential for the

⁹⁸ E/1990/50.

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 59.

¹⁰⁰ See E/CN.4/1990/39, annex.

¹⁰¹ See A/44/668, annex.

¹⁰² See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.