

with a view to facilitating the Secretary-General's task in the elaboration of the report on the subject which he is to submit to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a programme of work taking into account the reports of the Secretary-General, the replies of Governments and other relevant sources, with a view to undertaking in particular the formulation of standards in the areas which would appear to be sufficiently analysed, without prejudice to other activities carried out pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, and to transmit that programme to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session;

6. *Invites* the organs referred to in paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, in the event that it is decided to convene a further United Nations conference on science and technology, to take into consideration, in their preparatory work, the question of promoting human rights.

*2311th plenary meeting  
10 December 1974*

**3269 (XXIX). Draft declaration on the use of scientific and technological progress in the interests of peace and for the benefit of mankind**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the draft declaration on the use of scientific and technological progress in the interests of peace and for the benefit of mankind,<sup>40</sup>

1. *Decides* to defer further consideration of the draft declaration until its thirtieth session and to take it up at that session as a matter of priority;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the draft declaration and the amendments thereto<sup>41</sup> to the attention of Member States for any comments or suggestions they may wish to make on them.

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**3270 (XXIX). Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>42</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>43</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 3142 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, and in particular its belief that the coming into force of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant

on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocol will greatly enhance the ability of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and will contribute to the attainment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting with appreciation* that following its appeal several Member States have acceded to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

*Recalling also* its resolution 3060 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 relating to the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in which the General Assembly invited States which had not yet done so to ratify, *inter alia*, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

*Desiring* to assist in hastening the process of ratification and bringing into force those instruments,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should give special attention to the possibilities of accelerating as far as possible the internal procedures that would lead to the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will come into force in the near future, if possible by the thirtieth session of the General Assembly, and thus promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pursuant, to General Assembly resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, 2788 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and 3142 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, to prepare, on the basis of communications from Governments, and submit to the Assembly at its thirtieth session a report on the progress of the ratification of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

4. *Invites* all States to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights.

*2311th plenary meeting  
10 December 1974*

**3271 (XXIX). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

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*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office<sup>44</sup> and having heard his statement,<sup>45</sup>

<sup>40</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 56, document A/9937, para. 11.*

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 13, 14 and 15.

<sup>42</sup> See also p. 95, item 58.

<sup>43</sup> A/9720 and Add.1.

<sup>44</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/9612 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 12A (A/9612/Add.1), Supplement No. 12B (A/9612/Add.2) and Supplement No. 12C (A/9612/Add.3).*

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Third Committee, 2098th meeting, paras. 1-12.