

and essential for the universal protection and promotion of human rights;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Member States the text of the articles of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights which were adopted at the tenth to eighteenth sessions of the General Assembly, together with the records of the debates which took place in the Third Committee on measures of implementation of the said drafts, the explanatory paper prepared by the Secretary-General and the observations received from Governments;¹¹

3. *Invites* Member States to consider the text of the articles of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights which have already been adopted by the Third Committee and the measures of implementation and the final clauses relating to the said Covenants elaborated by the Commission on Human Rights, in order that they may be in a position to decide on the measures of implementation and on the final clauses of the Covenants;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, if observations are sent by Member States before the opening of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, to transmit them to the other Member States as soon as possible;

5. *Decides* to make a special effort to complete, at its nineteenth session, the adoption of the entire text of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights.

*1279th plenary meeting,
12 December 1963.*

1961 (XVIII). Designation of 1968 as International Year for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Noting that the year 1968 will be the twentieth anniversary of the adoption and proclamation by the General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Taking into account the fact that, since the adoption of the Declaration, a substantial measure of progress has been achieved in giving effect to human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing that in spite of such progress the effective realization of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Declaration remains unsatisfactory in some parts of the world,

Believing that the cause of human rights will be well served by an increasing awareness of the extent of the progress made,

Convinced that an appropriate way of celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration is to devote the year 1968 to intensified national and international efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights, and also to an international review of the achievements in this field,

Confident that the designation of the year 1968 as such a year of international review will encourage all Member States and interested organizations to intensify their efforts in the intervening years, so as to show the maximum possible progress by that time,

1. *Designates* the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on Human Rights at its forth-

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, documents A/5411 and Add.1 and 2.*

coming sessions, with the assistance of the Secretary-General;

(a) To prepare, for consideration by the General Assembly, a programme of measures and activities representing a lasting contribution to the cause of human rights, to be undertaken by the United Nations, by Member States and by the specialized agencies during the year 1968, in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in furtherance of the objectives of the present resolution;

(b) To prepare, for consideration by the General Assembly, suggestions for a list of goals in the field of human rights to be achieved by the United Nations not later than the end of 1968;

(c) To submit the programme of measures and activities and the suggestions for the list of goals in time for their consideration by the General Assembly at its twentieth session;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies to render all assistance to the Commission on Human Rights in the preparation of the programme of measures and activities to be undertaken during the International Year for Human Rights in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration;

4. *Invites* all Member States to intensify their domestic efforts in the field of human rights with the assistance of their appropriate organizations, in order that a fuller and more effective realization of these rights and freedoms might be achieved and might be reported at the proposed international review of such achievements in 1968 and thereafter.

*1279th plenary meeting,
12 December 1963.*

1965 (XVIII). Measures designed to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1572 (XV) of 18 December 1960 and 1842 (XVII) of 19 December 1962,

Recognizing the need to adopt a declaration on the promotion among youth of the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples,

Considering that praiseworthy efforts have been made by various delegations to prepare a draft which would adequately supplement the text of other declarations and resolutions adopted in the past and constitute an appeal that would arouse intense interest among the youth of the world,

Considering the need for the widest possible participation by Governments and youth organizations with respect to the declaration,

Considering also the lack of time during the eighteenth session, which has made it impossible to complete the definitive version of the said declaration,

Convinced that it must continue its efforts in favour of mutual respect and understanding among the youth of the peoples of the world.

I

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Member States the draft Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect

and Understanding between Peoples¹² and the amendments thereto,¹³ as well as the relevant records of the eighteenth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General their views on the proposed Declaration, after consultation, where necessary, with the most experienced educators and leaders of youth activities;

3. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to transmit the relevant records of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly to the national commissions, to youth organizations and to the International Conference on Youth, so that they may make whatever comments they deem appropriate;

4. *Also invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to transmit those comments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations as early as possible;

¹² *Ibid.*, agenda item 47, document A/5669, para. 5.

¹³ *Ibid.*, paras. 6 and 7.

5. *Decides* to continue as a matter of priority the examination and final elaboration of the Declaration at its nineteenth session;

II

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on organizing the International Conference on Youth, to be held at Grenoble in August 1964, and expresses its satisfaction that the Conference will devote its attention to all measures designed to promote greater understanding and co-operation among young people;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to study the desirability of establishing regional documentation and study institutions whose purpose would be to train young people in a greater understanding of their common ideals, upon the achievement of which the future of mankind depends.

*1280th plenary meeting,
13 December 1963.*

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Note

Draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages (item 40)

Measures to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms (item 41)

Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance (item 42)

Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance (item 44)

Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum (item 45)

Freedom of information: (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information; (b) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information (item 46)

At its 1279th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1963, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Third Committee¹⁴ to postpone to the nineteenth session the consideration of items 40, 41, 42, 44, 45 and 46.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda items 40, 41, 42, 44, 45 and 46, document A/5667, para. 2.