

31/123. International Year for Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its deep-rooted faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms, the principles of peace, the dignity and worth of the human person and the promotion of social justice, as proclaimed by the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 2856 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons,

Recalling its resolution 3447 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 31/82 of 13 December 1976 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons,

1. *Proclaims* the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons, with the theme "full participation";

2. *Decides* to devote that year to the realization of a set of objectives, including:

(a) Helping disabled persons in their physical and psychological adjustment to society;

(b) Promoting all national and international efforts to provide disabled persons with proper assistance, training, care and guidance, to make available to them opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their full integration in society;

(c) Encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled persons in daily life, for example by improving their access to public buildings and transportation systems;

(d) Educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to various aspects of economic, social and political life;

(e) Promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled persons;

3. *Invites* all Member States and the organizations concerned to give their attention to the establishment of measures and programmes to implement the objectives of the International Year for Disabled Persons;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and the organizations concerned, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "International Year for Disabled Persons".

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31/124. Protection of human rights in Chile

The General Assembly,

Reiterating its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recalling that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁴¹ everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person and the right not to be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile, or to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, unanimously adopted in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Considering that, in its resolution 3448 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, the General Assembly expressed its profound distress at the constant and flagrant violations of human rights which have taken place and continue to take place in Chile, including the institutionalized practice of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, arbitrary arrest, detention and exile,

Reaffirming once more its condemnation of all forms of torture and of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Considering that its previous appeals to the Chilean authorities and, likewise, appeals by the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the restoration and safeguarding of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile have hitherto remained unheeded,

Bearing in mind resolutions 8 (XXXI) of 27 February 1975⁴² and 3 (XXXII) of 19 February 1976⁴³ of the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking into account resolution 3 B (XXIX) of 31 August 1976⁴⁴ of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Having considered the reports of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile,⁴⁵ as well as the documents submitted by the Chilean authorities,⁴⁶

Taking note of the statement by the Chilean authorities of 16 November 1976, brought to the attention of the General Assembly by a letter from the Permanent Representative of Chile,⁴⁷

Commending the Chairman and the members of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group for the thorough and objective manner in which the report was prepared, despite the refusal of the Chilean authorities to permit the Group to visit the country in accordance with its mandate,

Concluding that constant and flagrant violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms continue to take place in Chile,

1. *Expresses its profound indignation* that constant and flagrant violations of human rights have taken

⁴¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁴² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4* (E/5635), chap. XXIII, sect. A.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, *Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3* (E/5768), chap. XX, sect. A.

⁴⁴ See E/CN.4/1218, chap. XVII, part A.

⁴⁵ A/10285, annex; A/31/253, annex.

⁴⁶ A/C.3/31/4-6 and A/C.3/31/6/Add.1.

⁴⁷ A/C.3/31/11.