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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

313 (IV). Draft Convention on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Convinced that freedom of information is one of the basic freedoms and that it is essential to the furtherance and protection of all other freedoms,

Considering that the Commission on Human Rights is engaged in drafting an International Covenant on Human Rights, the object of which is to promote the observance of basic human rights throughout the world,

Considering that the Commission on Human Rights has declared its intention of submitting the draft International Covenant on Human Rights to the fifth regular session of the General Assembly,

1. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council that it request the Commission on Human Rights to include adequate provisions on freedom of information in the draft International Covenant on Human Rights, taking into account the work done on the draft Convention on Freedom of Information[1] at the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information and at the third and fourth regular sessions of the General Assembly;

2. *Decides* to postpone further action on the draft Convention on Freedom of Information to the fifth regular session of the General Assembly and pending receipt of the draft International Covenant on Human Rights or a progress report thereon.

232nd plenary meeting,
20 October 1949.

314 (IV). Access for news personnel to meetings of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Considering that the United Nations, in accordance with the aims and purposes of its Charter, should be prepared to grant all the necessary facilities for enabling media of information to function with full freedom and responsibility in following the course of its work and that of conferences called by it and its specialized agencies,

Urges all States Members of the United Nations to grant news personnel of all countries who have been accredited to the United Nations or specialized agencies, as the case may be, free access

(*a*) To countries where meetings of the United Nations or specialized agencies or any conferences convened by them take place, for the purpose of covering such meetings, in accordance with the terms and conditions of agreements made by the United Nations or its specialized agencies with the Governments of such countries, or, in the absence of such an agreement, on terms and conditions similar to those contained in agreements made by the United Nations or its specialized agencies with other Member States; and

(*b*) To all public information sources and services of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and to all meetings and conferences of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies which are open to the Press, equally and without discrimination.

233rd plenary meeting,
21 October 1949.

315 (IV). Discriminations practised by certain States against immigrating labour and, in particular, against labour recruited from the ranks of refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item on the agenda of its fourth regular session entitled "Discriminations practised by certain States against immigrating labour and, in particular, against labour recruited from the ranks of refugees",

Noting that the question of the treatment of migrant labour has been dealt with by the International Labour Conference which, at its 32nd session, adopted a Convention[2] and a recommendation[3] dealing comprehensively with migration for employment,

Decides to transmit the records of the discussions on this subject at its fourth regular session to the International Labour Organisation, with the request that the International Labour Organisation should do all in its power, in view of the importance of the principle of non-discrimination embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to expedite the ratification and application of the Convention by its members, and to promote its observance as regards the social relations of the workers and their families with the inhabitants of the region, so that no offensive distinctions may be established in regard to the former and that they may enjoy all facilities for accommodation, food, education, recreation and medical assistance, both public and private, which are provided for the community.

243rd plenary meeting,
17 November 1949.

[1] See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Annex to the Third Committee,* documents A/961 and A/C.3/518.

[2] See International Labour Office, ***Industry and Labour,*** volume II, No. 3, pages 114-124.

[3] *Ibid.,* pages 129-142.