

1. *Recognizes* that the scope of the problem mentioned in paragraph 1 (d) of General Assembly resolution 2450 (XXIII) and Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 (XXVII) is of such a comprehensive nature as to cover every aspect of this question;

2. *Recognizes further* the need to make a distinction between this subject-matter and other related matters so as to avoid duplication of work in the United Nations system;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, particularly the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to accelerate and complete preparation of relevant reports on this subject, to be submitted at the earliest possible date, paying more attention to the problems of an equitable and just distribution of incomes, the protection of the right to work and to health, the preparation and retraining of personnel, the raising of standards of living and the educational and cultural level of people in the light of scientific and technological developments;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to proceed with and accelerate its work, making full use of the reports of the Secretary-General, the report of the above-mentioned seminar and of any future seminars on the same subject, and any relevant reports by other institutions, with a view, in particular, to examining the possibility of preparing draft instruments designed to strengthen respect for human rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the light of developments in science and technology;

5. *Decides* to continue consideration of this item at its forthcoming sessions with a view to arriving at conclusions on the item as early as possible.

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3027 (XXVII). Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1781 (XVII) of 7 December 1962, 2020 (XX) of 1 November 1965 and 2295 (XXII) of 11 December 1967,

Affirming the equal importance of both a declaration and an international convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

Convinced of the need to give new momentum to this work by initially concentrating on the completion of one of these instruments,

Noting that the consideration of this item has been deferred at each session of the General Assembly without proper discussion since the twenty-second session,

1. *Decides* to accord priority to the completion of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance before resuming consideration of the International Convention on this subject;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies:

(a) The preliminary draft of a United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance prepared by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;⁵²

(b) The report of the Working Group set up by the Commission on Human Rights at its twentieth session to prepare a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;⁵³

3. *Invites* Governments to transmit to the Secretary-General their observations on the above-mentioned documents;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the observations received, together with an analytical presentation, to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

5. *Decides* to give priority at its twenty-eighth session to the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance with a view to the adoption, if possible, of such a Declaration as part of the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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3028 (XXVII). United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law

The General Assembly,

Recalling the historical concern of the United Nations for the problems of minors, as expressed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,⁵⁴

Realizing that children, in particular, suffer the most in national disasters, wars and social disruption,

Considering that, owing to both the lack of legislation and the contrasts between the laws of various countries, ever-increasing juridical and legal problems arise which may affect the interests of minors or other persons to be adopted,

Considering further the multiple causes which, in our modern world, provoke the massive institutionalization of children, thus depriving millions of children all over the world of the family atmosphere which is indispensable for their development, and emphasizing the very grave consequences, often irreparable, that this implies for their physical, psychological and intellectual development and for their active social integration,

Mindful that children constitute the future human resource for each and every nation of the world and must, therefore, be nurtured and protected,

Regretting that it has been unable at its current session, owing to the heavy programme of work, to examine the question of a United Nations conference for an international convention on adoption law,

Commending the World Conference on Adoption and Foster Placement⁵⁵ for calling attention to the

⁵² A/8330, annex I. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3873)*, para. 294.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, annex II. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3873)*, para. 296.

⁵⁴ Resolution 1386 (XIV).

⁵⁵ Held at Milan, Italy, from 16 to 19 September 1971.

grave problems relating to adoption and foster placement,

Requests the Commission on Social Development at its twenty-third session to consider this question and to make recommendations, within the approved work programme of the Social Development Division, for the preparation of a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session, which would include:

(a) Policies, programmes and comparative law concerning the protection of children for adoption and foster placement;

(b) Comments on the question of sponsoring an international conference for the purpose of elaborating an international convention on adoption law.

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Other decisions

Protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict

(Item 49 (b))

At its 2107th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁵⁶ decided to include the item entitled "Human rights in armed conflicts: protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict" in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session and to consider it as a matter of high priority.⁵⁷

Freedom of information

(Item 57)

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,⁵⁸ decided to include the item entitled "Freedom of information" in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session.

⁵⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/8917, para. 16.*

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/L.689.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 57, document A/8943, para. 4.