

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of increased co-ordination between United Nations organs and the specialized agencies in the activities and programmes relating to youth and of continuing co-operation with the Governments of Member States, in order to achieve an effective and harmonious approach to the problems confronting youth;

3. *Solemnly invites* all young people to affirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations in order to further the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding among peoples;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance for the administering Powers of urgently undertaking all necessary measures to further by all appropriate means and in conformity with the Charter the education and training of youth in the countries and territories still under colonial and alien domination and foreign occupation, with a view to expediting their liberation and the full exercise of their right to self-determination;

5. *Urges* Governments to ensure to youth:

(a) More favourable conditions in the fields of education, training, health, social welfare and employment;

(b) An appropriate opportunity to participate in the preparation and implementation of national development plans and in programmes of international co-operation;

(c) The possibility of participating in decisions on questions of national interest, particularly those which concern youth;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**3142 (XXVIII). 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**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>48</sup> 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>49</sup>

*Convinced* that the coming into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights 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,

*Recalling* its resolution 3025 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and in particular the hope expressed that Member States would find it possible to take ap-

propriate action with a view to accelerating the process of ratification or accession to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

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

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution 3060 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 relating to the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 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,

1. *Reiterates its hope* that such action on the part of Member States will be further continued;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 2788 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, to prepare, on the basis of reports from Governments, and submit to the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session a report on the measures taken or envisaged by Member States with a view to accelerating 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.

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**3143 (XXVIII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees concerning the activities of his Office<sup>50</sup> and having heard his statement,<sup>51</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the manner in which the High Commissioner has, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, carried out essential humanitarian actions,

*Bearing in mind* the importance of the increasingly useful co-operation between the High Commissioner and other members of the United Nations system, resulting in better co-ordination of action and greater efficiency in fields of common interest,

*Recognizing* the importance of voluntary repatriation as a permanent solution to the refugee problem and the useful role played by the High Commissioner in co-operation with other members of the United Nations system and non-governmental agencies in assisting them,

*Noting with satisfaction* the increasing number of Governments contributing to the High Commissioner's Programme and the generous attitude adopted by Gov-

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/9012 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 12A (A/9012/Add.1) and Supplement No. 12B (A/9012/Add.2).*

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Third Committee, 2038th meeting, paras. 1-8.*

<sup>48</sup> A/9140 and Add.1.

<sup>49</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

ernments in supporting various activities of the High Commissioner,

*Commending* accessions to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951,<sup>52</sup> the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967<sup>53</sup> and other relevant instruments,

1. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* at the efficient manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff continue to accomplish their humanitarian task, and appeals to him to consider favourably his re-election in view of the unflagging dedication which he has manifested since he assumed the responsibilities of his present post;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his assistance and protection activities in favour of refugees within his mandate as well as for those to whom he extends his good offices or is called upon to assist in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his efforts, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and voluntary agencies, to promote permanent and speedy solutions through voluntary repatriation, assistance in rehabilitation where necessary, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

4. *Urges* Governments to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian action by:

(a) Facilitating the accomplishment of his task in the field of international protection;

(b) Co-operating in the promotion of permanent solutions to refugee problems;

(c) Providing the necessary means to attain the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

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### 3144 (XXVIII). Human rights in the administration of justice

#### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2858 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, concerning human rights in the administration of justice and, in particular, the draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice<sup>54</sup> and the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners,<sup>55</sup>

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 5 (XXIX) of 20 March 1973<sup>56</sup> and Economic and Social Council resolution 1785 (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

*Considering* that the comments received from Governments<sup>57</sup> pursuant to Commission on Human Rights

<sup>52</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 137.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

<sup>54</sup> E/CN.4/1077, annex.

<sup>55</sup> *First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders: report by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1956.IV.4), annex I.A.

<sup>56</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>57</sup> See E/CN.4/1112 and Add.1-8.

resolution 8 (XXVIII) of 4 April 1972<sup>58</sup> show the diversity of approach and the variety of issues faced by Governments in relation to the draft principles relating to equality in the administration of justice set out in resolution 3 (XXIII) of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Abu Rannat, for his study;<sup>59</sup>

2. *Calls upon* Member States to give due consideration, in formulating legislation and taking other measures affecting equality in the administration of justice, to the above-mentioned draft principles, which may be regarded as setting forth valuable norms, with a view to arriving at an elaboration of an appropriate international declaration or instrument.

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#### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Working Group of Experts on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners recommended<sup>60</sup> that attention should be given to their further dissemination and effective implementation,

*Noting also* that the treatment of offenders in custody will be considered by the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, with special reference to the Standard Minimum Rules,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should make all possible efforts to implement the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in the administration of penal and correctional institutions and take the Rules into account in the framing of national legislation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report on the situation of crime prevention and control requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of its resolution 3021 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and to be submitted to the Assembly at its thirty-first session, to take particularly into account the current application of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and to make suggestions about the measures needed to ensure their most effective implementation.

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### 3145 (XXVIII). Assistance to the developing countries in the field of narcotics control

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2859 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and 3012 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

*Considering* that some developing countries, owing to the lack of technical and financial means, are un-

<sup>58</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/5113)*, chap. XIII.

<sup>59</sup> *Study of Equality in the Administration of Justice* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.XIV.3).

<sup>60</sup> See E/AC.57/8, para. 63.