

316 (IV). Advisory social welfare services

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to place on a continuing basis, rather than on the present year-to-year basis, the advisory social welfare services originally authorized by its resolution 58 (I)⁴ of 14 December 1946;

2. *Directs* the Secretary-General:

(a) To include an amount for these services in the budget of the United Nations in the future;

(b) For 1950, to continue this work at approximately the same level of expenditure on the part of the United Nations as in 1949;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to review the terms of resolution 58 (I), in the light of the provisions of paragraph 1 above and in the light of the discussions and suggestions made in the Third Committee of the General Assembly, and to recommend to the next regular session of the General Assembly any modifications which it may consider necessary therein.

*243rd plenary meeting,
17 November 1949.*

317 (IV). Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others

The General Assembly

Approves the following Convention, and proposes that each Member of the United Nations and each non-member State which the appropriate organ of the United Nations may invite to do so become a Party thereto.

*264th plenary meeting,
2 December 1949.*

Annex

Text of the Convention

PREAMBLE

Whereas prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person and endanger the welfare of the individual, the family and the community,

Whereas, with respect to the suppression of the traffic in women and children, the following international instruments are in force:

1. International Agreement of 18 May 1904 for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, as amended by the Protocol^a approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 3 December 1948,

2. International Convention of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, as amended by the above-mentioned Protocol,

3. International Convention of 30 September 1921 for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, as amended by the Protocol^b approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 October 1947,

4. International Convention of 11 October 1933 for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, as amended by the aforesaid Protocol,

^a See *Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the second part of its first session*, page 93.

^b See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions*, page 165.

Whereas the League of Nations in 1937 prepared a draft Convention^c extending the scope of the above-mentioned instruments, and

Whereas developments since 1937 make feasible the conclusion of a convention consolidating the above-mentioned instruments and embodying the substance of the 1937 draft Convention as well as desirable alterations therein;

Now therefore

The Contracting Parties

Hereby agree as hereinafter provided:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties to the present Convention agree to punish any person who, to gratify the passions of another:

1. Procures, entices or leads away, for purposes of prostitution, another person, even with the consent of that person;

2. Exploits the prostitution of another person, even with the consent of that person.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties to the present Convention further agree to punish any person who:

1. Keeps or manages, or knowingly finances or takes part in the financing of a brothel;

2. Knowingly lets or rents a building or other place or any part thereof for the purpose of the prostitution of others.

ARTICLE 3

To the extent permitted by domestic law, attempts to commit any of the offences referred to in articles 1 and 2, and acts preparatory to the commission thereof, shall also be punished.

ARTICLE 4

To the extent permitted by domestic law, intentional participation in the acts referred to in articles 1 and 2 above shall also be punishable.

To the extent permitted by domestic law, acts of participation shall be treated as separate offences whenever this is necessary to prevent impunity.

ARTICLE 5

In cases where injured persons are entitled under domestic law to be parties to proceedings in respect of any of the offences referred to in the present Convention, aliens shall be so entitled upon the same terms as nationals.

ARTICLE 6

Each Party to the present Convention agrees to take all the necessary measures to repeal or abolish any existing law, regulation or administrative provision by virtue of which persons who engage in or are suspected of engaging in prostitution are subject either to special registration or to the possession of a special document or to any exceptional requirements for supervision or notification.

ARTICLE 7

Previous convictions pronounced in foreign States for offences referred to in the present Convention shall, to the extent permitted by domestic law, be taken into account for the purpose of:

1. Establishing recidivism;

2. Disqualifying the offender from the exercise of civil rights.

ARTICLE 8

The offences referred to in articles 1 and 2 of the present Convention shall be regarded as extraditable offences in any extradition treaty which has been or

^c See *Official Records of the second session of the General Assembly, Resolutions*, page 32.

^d See *League of Nations Official Journal*, 18th Year, No. 12, page 955.