

8. *Recognizes* the constructive role that non-governmental organizations can play in relation to national institutions;

9. *Affirms* the role of national institutions as focal points for the dissemination of human rights materials and other public information activities under the auspices of the United Nations;

10. *Encourages* the development of funding and other strategies to facilitate the establishment of national human rights institutions and, in this regard, invites Member States to consider making requests for such assistance through the advisory services programme of the United Nations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of paragraphs 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 above, according priority to the needs of developing countries;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 42/117. Right to development

*The General Assembly,*

*Welcoming* the proclamation by the General Assembly at its forty-first session of the Declaration on the Right to Development,<sup>129</sup>

*Recalling* the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights relating to the right to development, especially Commission resolution 1987/23 of 10 March 1987,<sup>26</sup> approved by the Economic and Social Council,

*Reiterating* the importance of the right to development for all countries, in particular the developing countries,

*Convinced* of the importance of the future work of the Commission on Human Rights and its Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development, including practical measures to implement the Declaration,

*Having considered* the report of the Working Group<sup>132</sup> and all other relevant documents submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session,

*Aware* of the great interest shown by several Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations which desire to contribute to the work of the Working Group,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the replies of Governments, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other governmental and non-governmental organizations, submitted at the request of the Secretary-General based on Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/23 to offer their comments and views on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development, will contain practical proposals and ideas that should contribute substantively to further work on the implementation of the Declaration;

2. *Calls upon* the Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development, at its eleventh session, to study the analytical compilation to be prepared by the Secretary-General of all replies received, if necessary together with the individual replies, and to submit to the

Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session its recommendations and suggestions on which proposals would best contribute to the further enhancement and implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Calls upon* the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its forty-fourth session the report, recommendations and suggestions of the Working Group, as well as all other relevant materials, including the analytical compilation, with a view to deciding on practical measures to implement the Declaration, including specific proposals concerning future work;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on organizational and substantial measures to implement the Declaration at all levels;

5. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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#### 42/118. Development of public information activities in the field of human rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights are essential to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations set out in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations and that programmes of teaching, education and information are central to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions on this subject, in particular its resolution 41/130 of 4 December 1986 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/39 of 10 March 1987,<sup>26</sup>

*Recognizing* the catalytic effect of United Nations initiatives on national and regional public information activities in the field of human rights,

*Recognizing also* the valuable role that non-governmental organizations can play in these endeavours,

*Believing* that the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>2</sup> should provide a focus and renewed impetus to the promotional activities of the United Nations system in the field of human rights,

*Taking note* of the successful United Nations regional training course on the teaching of human rights held at Bangkok from 12 to 23 October 1987,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights,<sup>133</sup> and notes that, despite its repeated appeals, adequate resources and priority for these activities continue to be denied;

2. *Invites* all Member States to make special efforts during 1988 to publicize and to facilitate and encourage publicity for the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights and to accord priority to the dissemination, in their respective national and local languages, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interna-

<sup>132</sup> E/CN.4/1987/10.

<sup>133</sup> E/CN.4/1987/16 and Add.1-3.

tional Covenants on Human Rights<sup>13</sup> and other international conventions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report for presentation to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the advisability of launching, within existing resources, a World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights in 1989 and to include in the report an outline of planned activities;

4. *Reaffirms* the need for materials on human rights to be made available in simplified, attractive and accessible form, in national and local languages, and for effective use to be made of the mass media, in particular radio and television and audio-visual technologies, in order to reach a wider audience, with priority given to children, young people and the disadvantaged, including those in isolated areas;

5. *Recognizes* the need for the United Nations to harmonize its activities in this field with those of other organizations, in particular the International Committee of the Red Cross, with regard to the dissemination of information and education relating to international humanitarian law;

6. *Emphasizes* the key role of the United Nations information centres in the public information programme of the Organization in the field of human rights, and urges the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to give special attention to improving the performance and accountability of the centres;

7. *Renews its request* to the Secretary-General to establish, within available resources, collections of basic reference works and United Nations materials at each United Nations information centre by the end of 1988, taking into account the list of basic human rights materials;

8. *Invites* all relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as Member States and non-governmental organizations, to facilitate the dissemination of United Nations materials on human rights and to improve the co-ordination of their activities in this field;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to finalize the draft teaching booklet on human rights without delay and to draw the attention of Member States to the booklet, which could serve as a broad and flexible framework within which teaching could be structured and developed in accordance with national circumstances;

10. *Urges* all Member States to include in their education curricula materials relevant to a comprehensive understanding of human rights issues and encourages all those responsible for training in law and its enforcement, the armed forces, medicine, diplomacy and other relevant fields to include appropriate human rights components in their programmes;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the task of issuing the personalized version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the six official languages of the United Nations in 1988 and to proceed thereafter, in co-operation with regional organizations and Governments, to the production of this document in national and local languages;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to nominate national focal points which could be supplied with copies of relevant human rights materials and to publish the list of such focal points in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Renews its request* to the Secretary-General to arrange for the reprinting as soon as practicable of the publi-

cation entitled *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments*,<sup>134</sup>

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of maintaining adequate stocks of basic human rights materials in New York and Geneva, and expresses its concern about the serious limitations placed on the storage capacity of the United Nations in New York for such documents;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session on the public presentations, in New York and Geneva, on Human Rights Day in 1987, of a selection of audio-visual and other United Nations materials in the field of human rights, including an analysis of comments made during the presentations about the future direction of these programmes;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution;

17. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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**42/119. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that in the Charter of the United Nations the peoples of the United Nations declared their determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

*Recalling also* the purposes and principles of the Charter to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Emphasizing* the significance and validity of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>2</sup> and of the International Covenants on Human Rights<sup>13</sup> in promoting respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling* its resolution 32/130 of 16 December 1977, in which it decided that the approach to future work within the United Nations system with respect to human rights questions should take into account the concepts set forth in that resolution,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 34/46 of 23 November 1979, 35/174 of 15 December 1980, 36/133 of 14 December 1981, 38/124 of 16 December 1983, 39/145 of 14 December 1984, 40/124 of 13 December 1985 and 41/131 and 41/133 of 4 December 1986,

<sup>134</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.1.