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Report of the Third Committee (Part I)Rapporteur: Mr. Francis Eric AGUILAR-HECHT (Guatemala)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Third Committee chapters I, II, III (sects. A to C and G), IV (sect. A), V (sects. A to C), VI (sects. A and C) and VII to IX of the Council's report. 1/
2. The Third Committee decided to consider under agenda item 99 (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council 2/ and to consider, together with that item, the related reports of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which were submitted under agenda item 12 (A/41/264, A/41/510, A/41/515, A/41/516, A/41/531 and A/41/553).
3. The Third Committee also decided to consider under agenda item 100 (International campaign against traffic in drugs) the relevant part of the report of the Economic and Social Council pertaining to the question of narcotic drugs 3/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/41/3).

2/ For the report of the Third Committee on item 99, see A/41/880.

3/ For the report of the Third Committee on item 100, see A/41/851.

and to consider, together with that item, the related report of and note by the Secretary-General, which were submitted under agenda item 12 (A/41/713 and A/41/637 and Corr.1).

4. The chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council relating to agenda items 83 (Implementation of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination), 84 (Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa), 85 (Question of aging), 86 (Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace), 88 (Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights), 90 (Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons), 91 (Crime prevention and criminal justice), 92 (Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women), 93 (Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women to the year 2000), 94 (Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance), 96 (Question of a convention on the rights of the child), 97 (International Covenants on Human Rights) and 103 (Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment) were considered by the Committee under those items. 4/

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 22 September, the Committee decided that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 40/130 of 13 December 1985, the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families should meet during the forty-first session.

6. At its 3rd meeting, on 25 September, the Committee decided to invite the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives of the Commission on Human Rights to present their reports submitted under item 12.

7. The Third Committee considered item 12 at its 49th to 61st meetings, on 18 to 21 and 24 to 28 November 1986. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/41/SR.49-61).

8. In connection with item 12, the Committee had before it the following documentation:

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1986 (A/41/3); 5/

4/ For the reports of the Third Committee on items 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97 and 103, see A/41/785, A/41/786, A/41/798, A/41/799, A/41/809, A/41/801, A/41/802, A/41/819, A/41/830, A/41/875, A/41/877, A/41/878 and A/41/883, respectively.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 3.

- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian region (A/41/180-E/1986/20);
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees in the Sudan (A/41/264);
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/41/274 and Add.1);
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on racial intolerance, hatred and terror (A/41/317-E/1986/36 and Add.1);
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (A/41/507);
- (g) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to refugees in Somalia (A/41/514);
- (h) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti (A/41/515);
- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia (A/41/516);
- (j) Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to returnees and displaced persons in Chad (A/41/531);
- (k) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to student refugees in southern Africa (A/41/553);
- (l) Note by the Secretary-General on strategy and policies for drug control (A/41/637 and Corr.1);
- (m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador (A/41/710);
- (n) Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in drug abuse control (A/41/713);
- (o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile (A/41/719);
- (p) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Afghanistan (A/41/778);

(q) Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/41/787);

(r) Note by the Secretariat containing the text of a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development", which the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1985/34 of 29 May 1985, recommended for adoption by the General Assembly (A/C.3/41/L.1);

(s) Note by the Secretariat containing the text of a draft resolution on the inadmissibility of exploitation or distortion of human rights issues for interference in the internal affairs of States and the amendments thereto, which the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1985/34 of 29 May 1985, recommended for adoption by the General Assembly (A/C.3/41/L.6);

(t) Letter dated 25 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/183);

(u) Letter dated 27 February 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/189-E/1986/54);

(v) Letter dated 11 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/213-E/1986/56);

(w) Letter dated 29 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/315-E/1986/71);

(x) Letter dated 5 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué and resolutions adopted by the Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Fez, Morocco, from 6 to 10 January 1986 (A/41/326-S/18049);

(y) Letter dated 12 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/337-E/1986/87);

(z) Letter dated 16 May 1986 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations (A/41/343-E/1986/91);

(aa) Letter dated 21 May 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/354);

(bb) Letter dated 4 June 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/398-S/18131);

(cc) Letter dated 11 July 1986 from the representatives of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/461-E/1986/119 and Corr.1);

(dd) Letter dated 14 July 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/462-E/1986/121);

(ee) Letter dated 29 July 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/494);

(ff) Letter dated 25 July 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/523);

(gg) Letter dated 12 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/607);

(hh) Letter dated 30 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/667);

(ii) Letter dated 17 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/729);

(jj) Letter dated 27 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/41/771);

(kk) Letter dated 20 September 1986 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Third Committee containing the decision on the question entitled "Families in the development process" (A/C.3/41/1);

(ll) Report of the open-ended Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families (A/C.3/41/3);

(mm) Letter dated 10 November 1986 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/41/8);

(nn) Note by the Secretary-General circulating the introductory comments of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Chile (A/C.3/41/10);

(oo) Letter dated 18 November 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/41/11).

9. At the 31st meeting, on 31 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs introduced the report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in drug abuse control (A/41/713) and the note by the Secretary-General on strategy and policies for drug control (A/41/637 and Corr.1) (see A/C.3/41/SR.31).

10. At the 39th meeting, on 7 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees in the Sudan (A/41/264) and emergency assistance to return and displaced persons in Chad (A/41/531), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees introduced his reports on assistance to refugees in Somalia (A/41/514), humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti (A/41/515), assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia (A/41/516) and assistance to student refugees in southern Africa (A/41/553) and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator made a statement (see A/C.3/41/SR.39).

11. At the 43rd meeting, on 12 November, and at the 48th meeting, on 17 November respectively, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Centre for Human Rights and the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs responded a question raised concerning the format of the reports of the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives of the Commission on Human Rights (see A/C.3/41/SR.43 and A/C.3/41/SR.48).

12. At the 49th meeting, on 18 November, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Centre for Human Rights made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/41/SR.49).

13. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights Mr. Felix Ermacora, introduced his interim report on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/41/778, annex), the Special Representative of the Commission, Mr. José Antonio Pastor Ridruejo, introduced his report on the situation of human rights in El Salvador (A/41/710, annex) and the Special Representative of the Commission, Mr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, introduced his interim report on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/41/787, annex) (see A/C.3/41/SR.49). 6/

6/ The Special Rapporteur of the Commission, Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, notified the Secretary-General that it was not possible for him to present his report on the situation of human rights in Chile (A/41/719, annex) and, in response to his request, his introductory comments were subsequently circulated in a note to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/41/10).