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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt,
Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua,
Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Rwanda, Senegal, Spain, Sweden,
Turkey and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming once more the permanent validity of the principles and standards
embodied in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human
rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the
International Covenants on Human Rights, the International Convention on the
Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention on the
Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Bearing in mind the principles and standards established within the framework
of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the importance of the task carried out in
connection with migrant workers and their families in other specialized agencies
and in various organs of the United Nations,

Reiterating that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of
principles and standards, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the
situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their
families,

Recalling its resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to
establish a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international
convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their
families,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/198 of 15 December 1980, 36/160 of 16 December 1981, 37/170 of 17 December 1982, 38/86 of 16 December 1983 and 39/102 of 14 December 1984, by which it renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and requested it to continue its work,

Having examined the progress made by the Working Group during its fifth inter-sessional meeting, held from 3 to 14 June 1985, as well as the report of the Working Group during the current session of the General Assembly, during which the Working Group continued with the second reading of the Draft of the convention,

1.   Takes note with satisfaction of the reports of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, in particular of the progress made by the Group on the drafting, in second reading of the Draft Convention;

2.   Decides that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the Working Group shall again hold an inter-sessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1986 of the Economic and Social Council;

3.   Invites the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the reports of the Working Group so as to enable the members of the Group to continue the drafting, in second reading, of the Draft Convention during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in the spring of 1986, as well as to transmit the results obtained at that meeting to the General Assembly for consideration during its forty-first session;

4.   Also invites the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations and to international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the working Group;

5.   Decides that the Working Group shall meet during the forty-first session of the General Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, to continue the second reading of the draft international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.