

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution, together with its annex containing draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, to all Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their comments and suggestions;

2. *Invites* Member States to communicate the substance of the present resolution and its annex to national youth organizations and asks for their comments and suggestions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to obtain from Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council their comments on the aforementioned draft additional guidelines and to submit a report in this regard to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

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#### ANNEX

##### **Draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations**

#### A. NATIONAL

1. Attention should be given to the expansion of advisory services on youth activities provided by the United Nations to Governments at their request.

2. Bearing in mind the proposals contained in the note by the Secretary-General on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>101</sup> attention should also be given, in consultation with Governments, to the promotion of the establishment of national liaison and focal points on youth, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

#### B. REGIONAL

3. The regional commissions should review their relationships with regional non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate co-operation with regard to youth activities between these organizations, especially those active with young people, and the regional commissions.

4. The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of the active participation of youth in the process of development and to consider the need to co-operate closely with the international programmes of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Development Programme for the provision of services for and by youth with regard to employment.

5. In the context of paragraph 4 above, the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandates, should consider the promotion and co-ordination within their respective regions of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development.

6. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

#### C. INTERNATIONAL

7. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should continue to make arrangements for the promotion and co-ordination of the activities in the field of youth and the integration

of those activities into the over-all programmes on social and economic development.

8. Governments and non-governmental organizations with youth programmes should be encouraged to contribute material for publication in the *Youth Information Bulletin*, which is issued quarterly in three languages, and also to identify channels through which copies of the *Bulletin* can be circulated in order to reach the maximum number of young people.

9. The practice of providing internships for youth should be expanded to give young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of serving the United Nations for short periods of time and thereby learning of its activities at first hand. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.

10. The Joint United Nations Information Committee should be invited to consider the views of youth organizations representative of all regions of the world on the production and circulation of United Nations publications of interest to youth.

11. The Secretary-General should maintain under review the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, in the light of the comments received from Governments.

#### **34/167. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

*Recalling* its resolutions 32/62 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the light of the principles embodied in the Declaration, 32/63 of 8 December 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General to draw up and circulate among Member States a questionnaire soliciting information concerning steps they had taken, including legislative and administrative measures, to put into practice the principles of the Declaration, and 32/64 of 8 December 1977, in which it called upon Member States to reinforce their support of the Declaration by making unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the significant progress made in the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment during the thirty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights, as reflected in the progress report of the Commission;<sup>102</sup>

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/35 of 10 May 1979, by which the Council authorized an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the thirty-sixth session of the Commission to complete the work on a draft convention;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-sixth session, to continue to give high priority to the question of completing the draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

<sup>101</sup> E/CN.5/528 and Corr.1.

<sup>102</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36), chap. VIII, sect. A.*

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>103</sup> called for under General Assembly resolution 33/178 of 20 December 1978, on replies to the questionnaire;

5. *Calls upon* Member States which have not yet done so to reply to the questionnaire, as called for under General Assembly resolutions 32/63 and 33/178;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session further information provided in response to the questionnaire, and to submit all the information available which he has received on the basis of the questionnaire to the Commission on Human Rights, to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and to the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

7. *Takes note also* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>104</sup> on unilateral declarations, called for under General Assembly resolutions 32/64 and 33/178;

8. *Invites* Member States which have not yet done so to deposit the unilateral declarations with the Secretary-General, as called for under General Assembly resolutions 32/64 and 33/178;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in annual reports, of unilateral declarations already deposited and of such further unilateral declarations as may be deposited by Member States;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment", for the purpose of reviewing the progress achieved under this item.

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17 December 1979*

#### 34/168. Draft Code of Medical Ethics

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

*Noting* that, in the report submitted by the World Health Organization to the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>105</sup> it was suggested that a "Health Charter for Prisoners" might be elaborated with the co-operation of the World Health Organization,

*Recalling* its resolutions 3218 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974, 3453 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/85 of 13 December 1976, in which it invited the World Health Organization to prepare a draft code of medical ethics relevant to the protection of persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General<sup>106</sup> transmitting to the members of the General Assembly the report of the World Health Organization on the development of codes of medical ethics,

*Noting with appreciation* that the Executive Board of the World Health Organization has endorsed the principles set forth in the report of its Director-General on the development of codes of medical ethics and has requested its Director-General to transmit that report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the draft Code of Medical Ethics<sup>107</sup> to Member States, the specialized agencies concerned and interested intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for comments and suggestions, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. *Decides* to consider again the question of the draft Code of Medical Ethics at its thirty-fifth session, under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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17 December 1979*

#### 34/169. Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the purposes proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations include the achievement of international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Recalling*, in particular, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>108</sup> and the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>109</sup>

*Recalling also* the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

*Mindful* that the nature of the functions of law enforcement in the defence of public order and the manner in which those functions are exercised have a direct impact on the quality of life of individuals as well as of society as a whole,

*Conscious* of the important task which law enforcement officials are performing diligently and with dignity, in compliance with the principles of human rights,

*Aware*, nevertheless, of the potential for abuse which the exercise of such duties entails,

*Recognizing* that the establishment of a code of conduct for law enforcement officials is only one of several important measures for providing the citizenry served by law enforcement officials with protection of all their rights and interests,

*Aware* that there are additional important principles and prerequisites for the humane performance of law enforcement functions, namely:

(a) That, like all agencies of the criminal justice system, every law enforcement agency should be representative of and responsive and accountable to the community as a whole,

<sup>103</sup> A/34/144.

<sup>104</sup> A/34/145 and Add.1-3.

<sup>105</sup> A/CONF.56/9.

<sup>106</sup> A/34/273.

<sup>107</sup> *Ibid.*, annex.

<sup>108</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>109</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.