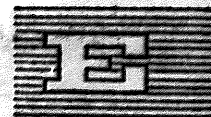


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QUESTION OF A CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Afghanistan,*/ Algeria,*/ Argentina, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic,*/ Cameroon, China, Colombia, Congo,*/ Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia,*/ Ecuador,*/ Egypt,*/ Hungary,*/ France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, India, Iran, Islamic Republic of,*/ Iraq,*/ Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia,*/ Mozambique, New Zealand,*/ Nicaragua, Nigeria,*/ Pakistan, Peru,*/ Philippines, Poland,*/ Rwanda, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka,*/ Sudan,*/ Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela,*/ Viet Nam,*/ Yugoslavia, Zaire */ and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind the draft convention on the rights of the child submitted by Poland on 7 February 1978,^{1/} the amended version of the draft submitted on 5 October 1979 to the Commission on Human Rights^{2/} and the document submitted on 7 October 1981 by Poland to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session,^{3/}

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/166 of 20 December 1978, 34/4 of 18 October 1979, 35/131 of 11 December 1980, 36/57 of 25 November 1981, 37/190 of 18 December 1982 and 38/114 of 16 December 1983, by which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority to the question of completing the draft convention on the rights of the child,

*/ In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ Commission resolution 20 (XXXIV), annex.

2/ E/CN.4/1349.

3/ A/C.3/36/6.

Recalling also its resolutions 20 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978, 19 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979, 36 (XXXVI) of 12 March 1980, 26 (XXXVII) of 10 March 1981, 1982/39 of 11 March 1982 and 1983/52 of 10 March 1983, and Economic and Social Council decisions 1980/138 of 2 May 1980 and 1981/144 of 8 May 1981 and resolutions 1978/18 of 5 May 1978, 1978/40 of 1 August 1978, 1982/37 of 7 May 1982 and 1983/39 of 27 May 1983, by which it authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the fortieth session of the Commission to facilitate the completion of the work on the draft convention on the rights of the child,

Mindful of the General Assembly's request that the highest priority be given to the question of completing the draft convention at the Commission's fortieth session and that every effort be made to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, as the Commission's tangible contribution to the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,^{4/}

Aware that children's rights are basic human rights and call for continuous improvement of the situation of children all over the world as well as their development and education in conditions of peace and security,

Welcoming with appreciation the report entitled "The State of the World's Children, 1984" by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and his idea of a revolution for children, with a view to promoting and protecting children's rights, life and health,

Noting the further progress made by the open-ended working group during its one-week meeting prior to the fortieth session of the Commission,

Noting also the growing interest in, and the need to work out, a comprehensive international convention on the rights of the child displayed by numerous Governments and international organizations,

1. Decides to continue at its forty-first session, as a matter of the highest priority, its work on the elaboration of the draft convention on the rights of the child, with a view to completing the draft at that session for transmission, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to authorize a one-week session of an open-ended working group prior to the forty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights to facilitate and speed up completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child;

^{4/} General Assembly resolution 1306 (XIV).

3. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

"The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 38/114 of 16 December 1983, by which the General Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority at its fortieth session to the question of completing the draft convention on the rights of the child, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/39 of 27 May 1983, by which the Council authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the fortieth session of the Commission to facilitate and speed up the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child,

Considering that it was not found possible to complete the work on the draft convention during the fortieth session of the Commission,

Taking note of the Commission on Human Rights resolution 1984/... of ... March 1984,

1. Authorizes a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the forty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights to facilitate and speed up the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit documents relating to the draft convention on the rights of the child to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-first session and to extend all facilities to the open-ended working group during its meeting prior to the forty-first session of the Commission."