

States under such instruments as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination or the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* and from the periodic reports submitted by States under the reporting procedure established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1074 C (XXXIX);

2. *Decides* that States will no longer be invited to submit separate contributions either directly or through correspondents for inclusion in the *Yearbook*; however, individual States wishing to provide a contribution intended specifically for the *Yearbook* shall be free to do so;

3. *Further decides* that, beginning as soon as possible, the *Yearbook* shall be issued annually in accordance with the guidelines annexed to the present resolution;

4. *Recommends* that an appropriate date should be adopted for the issuance of the *Yearbook* and that the same date should be adhered to thereafter.

*15th plenary meeting  
10 May 1979*

#### ANNEX

#### Guidelines for the contents and format of the *Yearbook on Human Rights*

##### INTRODUCTION

The introduction would refer to the legislative authority for the publication and would give a brief description of the organization and contents of the *Yearbook*. It would also give the sources of information, including a list of States from which reports had been received during the period covered.

##### PART ONE. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Part one would consist of material reflecting legislative, administrative, judicial and other national measures and court decisions. The material would be selected from government reports submitted under the international human rights instruments, periodic reports submitted by States under the reporting procedure established under Economic and Social Council resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) of 28 July 1975, or contributions submitted by States intended specifically for the *Yearbook*. The material would be arranged under country headings with subheadings by subject and would include information on Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories. Appropriate documentary references would be given in foot-notes.

##### PART TWO. ACTIVITIES OF THE SUPERVISORY BODIES

Part two would consist of two separate sections:

Section A would reflect the practice of the supervisory bodies concerning the examination of government reports and, as appropriate, reports from specialized agencies, and other tasks entrusted to those bodies under the relevant international instruments. This section would consist of extracts of the reports of supervisory bodies to the respective parent organs, with appropriate documentary references given in foot-notes.

Section B would include relevant decisions, general recommendations, general comments and observations made by the supervisory bodies in connexion with their examination of reports submitted by Governments and the specialized agencies concerned, and other tasks entrusted to those bodies under the international instruments. The relevant decisions and resolutions of the parent bodies, namely, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, could also be included.

##### PART THREE. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Part three would consist of an account of other international developments and activities in the field of human rights

in the United Nations system drawn up along the lines of part three of the *Yearbook on Human Rights for 1973-1974*,<sup>58</sup> but excluding activities that would be covered in part two. Part three would also include extracts from important documents adopted by the relevant organs of the United Nations system or submitted in accordance with decisions of such organs, selected with a view to their wider dissemination, and statements of policy or principle by the Secretary-General on questions of human rights.

#### ANNEXES

Selected material could be included as annexes, such as: (a) texts of general guidelines adopted in connexion with various reporting procedures; (b) the status of the ratifications and accessions and reservations to international human rights instruments; (c) a list of documents of the United Nations system of interest within the field of human rights.

#### INDEX

A subject index is to be included.

### 1979/38. Disappeared persons

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 33/173 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, expressed deep concern at reports from various parts of the world relating to enforced or involuntary disappearances of persons,

*Noting* that the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session was unable, for lack of time, to take a decision on the matter,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session to consider as a matter of priority the question of disappeared persons, with a view to making appropriate recommendations;

2. *Requests* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider the subject at its thirty-second session, with a view to making general recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session;

3. *Also requests* the Sub-Commission to consider communications on disappeared persons in accordance with the relevant resolutions.

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### 1979/39. Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its decision 1978/28 of 5 May 1978 concerning allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa,

*Expressing grave doubts* whether the recently proposed reforms will achieve fundamental changes in the situation of African workers in South Africa,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts<sup>59</sup> submitted pursuant to the above-mentioned decision;

<sup>58</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.XIV.1.

<sup>59</sup> E/1979/19.