

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give full publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts<sup>90</sup> and to extend to the Group all the necessary assistance to enable it to fulfil its mandate.

*1948th plenary meeting  
6 May 1975*

**1940 (LVIII). Representation of the Commission on Human Rights at the World Conference of the International Women's Year**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* Commission on Human Rights resolution 9 (XXXI) of 3 March 1975,<sup>91</sup>

*Considering* the close co-operation that exists between the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women, and that in all its work the Commission on Human Rights has constantly borne in mind the enjoyment of equal rights by men and women,

*Knowing* that there are restraints on the enjoyment of human rights by women in many parts of the world.

<sup>90</sup> E/CN.4/1159.

<sup>91</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII.*

*Believing* that the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to be held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, will focus world attention on these restraints and that, in its deliberations and conclusions, the Conference will suggest positive measures not only to remove such restraints but to further enhance the enjoyment of human rights by all,

*Recognizing* that it is important for the Commission on Human Rights to be in close touch with these deliberations and conclusions,

*Designates* Mrs. Rajan Nehru to attend, on behalf of the Commission on Human Rights, the World Conference of the International Women's Year.

*1948th plenary meeting  
6 May 1975*

**1941 (LVIII). Report of the Commission on Human Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-first session.<sup>92</sup>

*1948th plenary meeting  
6 May 1975*

<sup>92</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635).

**DECISIONS**

**76 (LVIII). Report of the Commission for Social Development**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-fourth session.<sup>93</sup>

**77 (LVIII). Contribution made by the co-operative movement to the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the contribution made by the co-operative movement to the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade.<sup>94</sup>

**78 (LVIII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council endorsed the recommendations made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of its resolution 5 (XXXI)<sup>95</sup> and, consequently, decided:

(a) To request the Secretary-General to appeal to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia to establish appropriate collaboration with the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;

<sup>93</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5617).

<sup>94</sup> E/5597.

<sup>95</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII, sect. A.*

(b) To request the General Assembly to make arrangements for adequate and sufficient financial resources and staff to be provided to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts in order to enable it to carry out its mandate;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to give wide publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts.<sup>96</sup>

**79 (LVIII). Study of situations that reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council:

(a) Decided to request the Secretary-General to furnish the monthly list of communications forwarded to members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under paragraph 4 (a) of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 also to the members of the Commission on Human Rights every month;

(b) Approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>97</sup> to set up a working group to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

**80 (LVIII). Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council approved the decision of the Commission on Human

<sup>96</sup> E/CN.4/1159.

<sup>97</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII, sect. B, decision 7 (XXXI).*

Rights in its resolution 8 (XXXI)<sup>98</sup> to set up an *Ad Hoc* Working Group to inquire into the present situation on human rights in Chile within the terms of that resolution.

**81 (LVIII). Draft Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council decided to inform the General Assembly that, although the Commission on Human Rights had made some progress, it had not yet completed its work on the draft Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief and that it intended to accord priority to the drafting of that Declaration at its thirty-second session.

**82 (LVIII). Place of meeting of the thirty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council decided to take into account, when determining the calendar of conferences for 1976, the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights that it hold its thirty-second session at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

**83 (LVIII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1796 (LIV) and decisions 18 (LVI) and 25 (LVII)**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council:

(a) Took note with satisfaction of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts<sup>99</sup> of the Commission on Human Rights and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

(b) Decided to invite the Commission on Human Rights to consider the report appropriately at its thirty-second session and to submit its observations to the Council at its sixtieth session.

**84 (LVIII). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council decided to transmit to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights, for consideration and report to the Council, the allegations regarding infringements of trade unions rights in South Africa received by the Secretary-General from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.<sup>100</sup>

**85 (LVIII). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Bahamas**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to seek again the consent of the Government of the Bahamas to having the allegations regarding infringements of trade unions rights in the Bahamas, received by the Secretary-General from The Bahamas Workers' Council and The Engineering Fuel, Service and Allied Workers' Union (Engineering and General Union), The Bahamas,<sup>101</sup> referred to the Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commis-

sion on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation, as provided for in Council resolution 277 (X) of 17 February 1950, and, failing such consent, that the Government of the Bahamas should be invited to transmit to the Council its observations regarding the allegations.

**86 (LVIII). Communications concerning the status of women**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council, having considered the decisions of the Commission on the Status of Women, taken at its 626th meeting, relating to communications concerning the status of women<sup>102</sup> and the explanatory report of the Secretary-General,<sup>103</sup> decided to invite the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the advisability of continuing to deal with communications concerning the status of women, in the light of the report of the Secretary-General and the discussion in the Social Committee of the Council at its fifty-eighth session, and to report to the Council at its sixty-second session.

**87 (LVIII). Role of the Population Commission in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action**

1. At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council decided to request the Population Commission:

(a) To examine on a biennial basis the results of the continuous process of monitoring the World Population Plan of Action,<sup>104</sup> in accordance with paragraph 107 of the Plan of Action, and to bring its findings to the attention of the Council;

(b) To contribute, within its competence, advice for the comprehensive review and appraisal of the progress made towards achieving the goals and recommendations of the World Population Plan of Action and to report its findings to the Council.

2. The Council also decided that, in formulating the framework of the Population Commission's examination, special attention should be paid to population trends and policies and that the examination should involve all relevant sources at the national, regional, inter-agency and global levels. Consideration should be given to the utilization of co-ordination machinery at the regional and global levels, namely the regional commissions and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to secure the efficient co-ordination of all elements mentioned above.

**88 (LVIII). Status and composition of the Population Commission**

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council decided that:

(a) The Population Commission should continue its status as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, preserving its character as an expert governmental body on all population matters representing all geographical regions of the world;

(b) In accordance with established procedures, the Secretary-General should consult with the Governments elected to serve on the Population Committee about

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XXIII, sect. A.

<sup>99</sup> E/5622.

<sup>100</sup> E/5638.

<sup>101</sup> E/5645.

<sup>102</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5451)*, chap. IV, sect. C.

<sup>103</sup> E/5628.

<sup>104</sup> E/CONF.60/19 (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.