

1990/68. Sale of children

The Commission on Human Rights,

Aware of its responsibility to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and resolved to remain vigilant with regard to violations of such rights and freedoms wherever they occur,

Recalling the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of the Child proclaimed by the General Assembly on 20 November 1959 in its resolution 1386 (XIV) and, in particular, Principle 2, whereby the child shall enjoy special protection and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity, and Principle 9, whereby the child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation and shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form,

Recalling the provisions of resolution 1989/36 of 6 March 1989, by which the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities is invited to continue to give due regard to new developments in the field of human rights,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/20 of 10 March 1982, 1988/42 of 8 March 1988 and 1989/34 of 6 March 1989,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery submitted to the Sub-Commission at its forty-first session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/39),

Deeply concerned about the existence in many parts of the world of cases of serious violations of the rights of children, particularly cases of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography,

1. Decides to appoint for a period of one year a Special Rapporteur to consider matters relating to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, including the problem of the adoption of children for commercial purposes;
2. Requests the Chairman of the Commission, following consultations with the other members of the Bureau, to appoint as Special Rapporteur a person of international reputation;
3. Invites the Special Rapporteur to take account, in fulfilling his mandate, of the need to be in a position to use any credible and reliable information made available to him, to request the Governments concerned to state their views and comment on any information he intends to include in his report and to carry out his task with discretion and independence;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to urge all Governments to co-operate closely with the Special Rapporteur and to offer their co-operation and assistance so that he may fulfil his mandate effectively;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur any necessary assistance;

6. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit a comprehensive report to the Commission at its forty-seventh session on his activities relating to these matters, including the frequency and extent of such practices, as well as his conclusions and recommendations;

7. Decides to consider the question at its forty-seventh session.

53rd meeting
7 March 1990

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