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### TEXT OF ARTICLE 62 (2)

It [the Economic and Social Council] may make recommendations for the purpose of promoting respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The structure of this study is similar to the studies of Article 62 (2) in the *Repertory* and its *Supplements* Nos. 1 to 7. There was no new development requiring discussion under the headings A, B, E, F and H in the Analytical Summary of Practice.

### I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. During the period covered by this *Supplement*, the Economic and Social Council<sup>1</sup> sometimes reaffirmed its role of formulation of policy and of coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the field of human rights. In several instances,<sup>2</sup> bearing in mind its important responsibilities in relation to the co-ordination of activities to promote the International Covenants on Human Rights, the Council recalled the central importance of the International Covenants on Human Rights in international efforts to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and recognized those instruments as a basis for any standard setting and codification in the field of human rights.<sup>3</sup> It also strongly appealed to all States that had not yet done so to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, so that those instruments might acquire genuine universality.<sup>4</sup> It stressed the importance of avoiding the erosion of human rights by derogation and the necessity for strict observance of all the agreed conditions and procedures for derogation, under article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.<sup>5</sup> It welcomed the fact that the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural rights, in its general comment on article 22 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted at its fourth session, focused on the means by which the various United Nations agencies working in the field of development could seek to integrate measures designed to promote full respect for economic, social and cultural rights in their activities.<sup>6</sup> It emphasized the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties to the Covenants with their obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and, where applicable, the Optional Protocols to

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<sup>1</sup> The Council.

<sup>2</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/81 of 24 May 1989, 1990/45 of 25 May 1990, 1991/33 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/11 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>3</sup> E S C resolution 1989/81 of 24 May 1989, para. 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, para. 2.

<sup>5</sup> E S C resolution 1990/45 of 25 May 1990, para. 7.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid*, para. 8.

the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.<sup>7</sup> It finally invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in conformity with article 2, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, to consider identifying benchmarks to measure achievements in the progressive realization of the rights recognized in the Covenant and, in that context, to pay particular regard to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.<sup>8</sup>

### **A. Recommendations**

3. During the period under review, the Council made many recommendations on a variety of subjects in the field of human rights.<sup>9</sup> Those subjects included matters relating to action to combat racism and racial discrimination, implementation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, activities for the advancement of women, the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, the rights of the child, the right to food, the right to adequate housing, the rights of indigenous populations, the rights of peoples to self-determination, the rights of disabled persons, national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, extreme poverty, welfare of migrant workers and their families, administration of justice and human rights of detainees, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, summary or arbitrary executions and capital punishment, elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief, human rights education, violence against women in all its forms, refugee and displaced women and children, compensation for victims of gross violations of human rights, discrimination against people infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sale of children, minorities, property right, right to a fair trial, impunity of perpetrators of violations of human rights, right to development and arbitrary detention.

4. The Council addressed recommendations primarily to the Secretary General, but also to the General Assembly, all States or all Governments, Member States of the United Nations, regional commissions, specialized agencies and international organizations, the Centre for Human Rights, non-governmental organizations, its subsidiary organs such as the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Population, the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Human Settlements. It also addressed recommendations to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Regional Commissions and Institutes for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, the Eight United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial

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<sup>7</sup> E S C resolution 1991/33 of 31 May 1991, para. 6.

<sup>8</sup> E S C resolution 1992/11 of 20 July 1992, para. 11.

<sup>9</sup> See also this *Supplement*, under Article 55.

Discrimination, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the Committee Against Torture and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

5. Some recommendations to the General Assembly focused on subjects relative to the second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,<sup>10</sup> guidelines for international decades in economic and social fields,<sup>11</sup> incorporating population factors in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,<sup>12</sup> International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,<sup>13</sup> prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),<sup>14</sup> proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa,<sup>15</sup> guidelines on the use of computerized personal files,<sup>16</sup> implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation,<sup>17</sup> international year for the world's indigenous people,<sup>18</sup> United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,<sup>19</sup> crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>20</sup> United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery,<sup>21</sup> developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat,<sup>22</sup> implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>23</sup> role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,<sup>24</sup> social development,<sup>25</sup> Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,<sup>26</sup> Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>27</sup> World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,<sup>28</sup> promotion of press freedom in the world,<sup>29</sup> question of a United Nations year for tolerance,<sup>30</sup> Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,<sup>31</sup> Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,<sup>32</sup> International Year of Older Persons,<sup>33</sup> Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>34</sup> merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women<sup>35</sup> and proclamation of a decade for human rights education.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> E S C resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>11</sup> E S C resolution 1989/84 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>12</sup> E S C resolution 1989/90 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>13</sup> E S C resolution 1989/99 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>14</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/108 of 27 July 1989, 1990/86 of 27 July 1990 and 1991/66 of 26 July 1991.

<sup>15</sup> E S C resolution 1989/115 of 28 July 1989.

<sup>16</sup> E S C resolution 1990/38 of 25 May 1990.

<sup>17</sup> E S C resolution 1990/54 of 24 July 1990.

<sup>18</sup> E S C decision 1990/248 of 25 May 1990.

<sup>19</sup> E S C resolution 1991/9 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>20</sup> E S C resolutions 1991/15 of 30 May 1991 and 1992/22 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>21</sup> E S C resolution 1991/34 of 31 May 1991.

<sup>22</sup> E S C resolution 1991/36 of 31 May 1991.

<sup>23</sup> E S C resolution 1992/13 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>24</sup> E S C resolution 1992/25 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>25</sup> E S C resolution 1992/27 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>26</sup> E S C decision 1992/276 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>27</sup> E S C resolution 1993/8 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>28</sup> E S C resolution 1993/20 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>29</sup> E S C resolution 1993/54 of 29 July 1993.

<sup>30</sup> E S C resolution 1993/57 of 29 July 1993.

<sup>31</sup> E S C resolutions 1993/65 of 30 July 1993 and 1994/41 of 29 July 1994.

<sup>32</sup> E S C resolution 1993/66 of 30 July 1993.

<sup>33</sup> E S C decision 1993/238 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>34</sup> E S C resolution 1994/7 of 21 July 1994.

<sup>35</sup> E S C resolution 1994/51 of 3 November 1994.

<sup>36</sup> E S C decision 1994/255 of 22 July 1994.

6. Other recommendations to the General Assembly included a draft resolution on the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,<sup>37</sup> a draft convention on the rights of the child,<sup>38</sup> a draft resolution on the monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development,<sup>39</sup> a draft resolution on the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities,<sup>40</sup> a draft resolution on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family,<sup>41</sup> a draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care,<sup>42</sup> a draft resolution on the assistance to the Palestinian people,<sup>43</sup> a draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities,<sup>44</sup> a draft declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance,<sup>45</sup> a draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women,<sup>46</sup> a draft resolution on the International Day of Disabled Persons,<sup>47</sup> a draft resolution on the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities,<sup>48</sup> a draft resolution on the positive and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and the leadership role of the United Nations in the process,<sup>49</sup> a draft resolution on the resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,<sup>50</sup> a draft resolution on the programme of work for 1994-1995 in the field of science and technology for development,<sup>51</sup> a draft resolution on the integration of the Commission on Transnational Corporations into the institutional machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development<sup>52</sup> and a draft resolution on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.<sup>53</sup>

7. Recommendations to States were addressed to Member States of the United Nations concerning, *inter alia*, the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,<sup>54</sup> intensification and coordination of measures for reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,<sup>55</sup> improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat,<sup>56</sup> women living in absolute poverty,<sup>57</sup> United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,<sup>58</sup>

<sup>37</sup> E S C resolution 1989/53 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>38</sup> E S C resolution 1989/79 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>39</sup> E S C resolution 1991/7 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>40</sup> E S C resolution 1991/10 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>41</sup> E S C resolution 1991/14 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>42</sup> E S C resolution 1991/29 of 31 May 1991.

<sup>43</sup> E S C resolutions 1991/69 of 26 July 1991, 1992/58 of 31 July 1992 and 1993/78 of 30 July 1993.

<sup>44</sup> E S C resolution 1992/4 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>45</sup> E S C resolution 1992/5 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>46</sup> E S C resolution 1993/10 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>47</sup> E S C resolution 1993/18 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>48</sup> E S C resolution 1993/19 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>49</sup> E S C resolution 1993/21 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>50</sup> E S C resolution 1993/63 of 30 July 1993.

<sup>51</sup> E S C resolution 1993/75 of 30 July 1993.

<sup>52</sup> E S C resolution 1994/1 of 14 July 1994.

<sup>53</sup> E S C resolution 1994/31 of 27 July 1994.

<sup>54</sup> E S C resolution 1989/13 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>55</sup> E S C resolution 1989/14 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>56</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/29 of 24 May 1989, 1990/3 of 24 May 1990, 1991/17 of 30 May 1991, 1992/14 of 30 July 1992, 1993/9 of 27 July 1993 and 1994/6 of 21 July 1994.

<sup>57</sup> E S C resolution 1989/40 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>58</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/52 of 24 May 1989 and 1991/9 of 30 May 1991.

African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>59</sup> implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty,<sup>60</sup> effective prevention and investigation of extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions,<sup>61</sup> United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (The Beijing Rules),<sup>62</sup> review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>63</sup> achievement of social justice,<sup>64</sup> physical violence against detained women that is specific to their sex,<sup>65</sup> integration of women in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,<sup>66</sup> United Nations surveys of criminal justice,<sup>67</sup> technical cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>68</sup> prison education,<sup>69</sup> implementation of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>70</sup> capital punishment,<sup>71</sup> reduction of demand and prevention of drug consumption among young persons in the Near and Middle East,<sup>72</sup> international cooperation in the field of informatics,<sup>73</sup> Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,<sup>74</sup> establishing and strengthening national coordinating committees on disability or similar bodies,<sup>75</sup> strategies for social development cooperation,<sup>76</sup> implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>77</sup> violence against women in all its forms,<sup>78</sup> advancement of women and human rights,<sup>79</sup> draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women,<sup>80</sup> implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,<sup>81</sup> implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control,<sup>82</sup> strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations,<sup>83</sup> Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,<sup>84</sup> criminal justice action to combat the organized smuggling of illegal migrants across national boundaries,<sup>85</sup> assistance to the Palestinian

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<sup>59</sup> E S C resolution 1989/59 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>60</sup> E S C resolution 1989/64 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>61</sup> E S C resolution 1989/65 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>62</sup> E S C resolution 1989/66 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>63</sup> E S C resolution 1989/68 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>64</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/71 of 24 May 1989 and 1990/25 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>65</sup> E S C resolution 1990/5 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>66</sup> E S C resolution 1990/10 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>67</sup> E S C resolution 1990/18 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>68</sup> E S C resolutions 1990/19 of 24 May 1990 and 1992/22 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>69</sup> E S C resolution 1990/20 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>70</sup> E S C resolution 1990/21 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>71</sup> E S C resolutions 1990/29 of 24 May 1990 and 1990/51 of 24 July 1990.

<sup>72</sup> E S C resolution 1990/33 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>73</sup> E S C resolution 1990/58 of 26 July 1990.

<sup>74</sup> E S C resolution 1990/75 of 27 July 1990.

<sup>75</sup> E S C resolution 1991/8 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>76</sup> E S C resolution 1991/12 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>77</sup> E S C resolution 1992/13 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>78</sup> E S C resolutions 1991/18 of 30 May 1991 and 1992/18 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>79</sup> E S C resolution 1992/20 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>80</sup> E S C resolution 1993/10 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>81</sup> E S C resolution 1993/22 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>82</sup> E S C resolution 1993/43 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>83</sup> E S C resolution 1993/49 of 29 July 1993.

<sup>84</sup> E S C resolution 1993/62 of 30 July 1993.

<sup>85</sup> E S C resolution 1994/14 of 25 July 1994.

people<sup>86</sup> and strengthening information systems for Africa's recovery and sustainable development.<sup>87</sup>

8. Recommendations were also addressed to all States concerning the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,<sup>88</sup> allocation of appropriate resources and priority to the international drug control programme,<sup>89</sup> provisional application of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,<sup>90</sup> women and children under *apartheid*,<sup>91</sup> women and peace in Central America,<sup>92</sup> elimination of discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>93</sup> Central American women: equality, social welfare, development and science and technology,<sup>94</sup> twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>95</sup> youth in the contemporary world,<sup>96</sup> International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>97</sup> food and agriculture,<sup>98</sup> incorporating population factors in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,<sup>99</sup> implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,<sup>100</sup> development and peace,<sup>101</sup> Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women,<sup>102</sup> Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>103</sup> and criminal justice action to combat the organized smuggling of illegal migrants across national boundaries.<sup>104</sup>

9. Recommendations to Governments concerned, *inter alia*, the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia,<sup>105</sup> women and children under *apartheid*,<sup>106</sup> women and peace in Central America,<sup>107</sup> equality in economic and social participation,<sup>108</sup> measures to facilitate the participation of women in development,<sup>109</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> E S C resolution 1994/29 of 27 July 1994.

<sup>87</sup> E S C resolution 1994/42 of 29 July 1994.

<sup>88</sup> E S C resolution 1989/13 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>89</sup> E S C resolution 1989/18 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>90</sup> E S C resolution 1989/19 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>91</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/33 of 24 May 1989, 1990/13 of 24 May 1990, 1991/20 of 30 May 1991, 1992/15 of 30 July 1992 and 1993/13 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>92</sup> E S C resolution 1989/35 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>93</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/44 of 24 May 1989, 1990/17 of 24 May 1990 and 1991/25 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>94</sup> E S C resolution 1989/47 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>95</sup> E S C resolution 1989/48 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>96</sup> E S C resolution 1989/51 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>97</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/81 of 24 May 1989, 1990/45 of 25 May 1990, 1991/33 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/11 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>98</sup> E S C resolution 1989/88 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>99</sup> E S C resolution 1989/90 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>100</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/95 of 26 July 1989, 1990/60 of 26 July 1990, 1991/68 of 26 July 1991, 1992/59 of 31 July 1992, 1993/55 of 29 July 1993 and 1994/37 of 29 July 1994.

<sup>101</sup> E S C resolution 1990/7 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>102</sup> E S C resolution 1992/53 of 31 July 1992.

<sup>103</sup> E S C resolution 1994/7 of 21 July 1994.

<sup>104</sup> E S C resolution 1994/14 of 25 July 1994.

<sup>105</sup> E S C resolution 1989/27 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>106</sup> E S C resolution 1989/33 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>107</sup> E S C resolution 1989/35 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>108</sup> E S C resolution 1989/36 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>109</sup> E S C resolution 1989/37 of 24 May 1989.



elderly women,<sup>110</sup> women and development,<sup>111</sup> social welfare, development and science and technology,<sup>112</sup> twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,<sup>113</sup> second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging,<sup>114</sup> review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>115</sup> adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa,<sup>116</sup> International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>117</sup> implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>118</sup> international economic cooperation towards common approaches to development,<sup>119</sup> equality in political participation and decision-making,<sup>120</sup> implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>121</sup> Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>122</sup> activities of transnational corporations in South Africa,<sup>123</sup> governance of the World Food Programme,<sup>124</sup> crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>125</sup> violence against women in all its forms,<sup>126</sup> disabled women,<sup>127</sup> national, regional and international machinery for the advancement of women,<sup>128</sup> prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),<sup>129</sup> International Conference on Water and the Environment,<sup>130</sup> role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,<sup>131</sup> draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women,<sup>132</sup> United Nations Research Institute for Social Development,<sup>133</sup> strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations<sup>134</sup> and multisectoral collaboration on “Tobacco or health”.<sup>135</sup>

10. Recommendations were also jointly made to several addressees, notably to Governments or States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the

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<sup>110</sup> E S C resolution 1989/38 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>111</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/41 of 24 May 1989 and 1993/12 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>112</sup> E S C resolution 1989/47 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>113</sup> E S C resolution 1989/48 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>114</sup> E S C resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>115</sup> E S C resolution 1989/68 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>116</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/73 of 24 May 1989, 1990/34 of 25 May 1990, 1991/26 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/3 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>117</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/81 of 24 May 1989, 1990/45 of 25 May 1990, 1991/33 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/11 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>118</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/83 of 24 May 1989, 1990/49 of 25 May 1990, 1991/2 of 29 May 1991 and 1992/13 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>119</sup> E S C resolution 1989/110 of 28 July 1989.

<sup>120</sup> E S C resolution 1990/4 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>121</sup> E S C resolution 1990/14 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>122</sup> E S C resolution 1990/23 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>123</sup> E S C resolution 1990/70 of 27 July 1990.

<sup>124</sup> E S C resolution 1990/79 of 27 July 1990.

<sup>125</sup> E S C resolution 1991/15 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>126</sup> E S C resolutions 1991/18 of 30 May 1991, 1992/18 of 30 July 1992 and 1993/26 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>127</sup> E S C resolution 1991/21 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>128</sup> E S C resolution 1991/22 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>129</sup> E S C resolution 1991/66 of 26 July 1991.

<sup>130</sup> E S C resolution 1991/84 of 26 July 1991.

<sup>131</sup> E S C resolution 1992/25 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>132</sup> E S C resolution 1993/10 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>133</sup> E S C resolution 1993/25 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>134</sup> E S C resolution 1993/49 of 29 July 1993.

<sup>135</sup> E S C resolution 1993/79 of 30 July 1993.

resolutions relative to women and children in Namibia,<sup>136</sup> International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,<sup>137</sup> youth in the contemporary world,<sup>138</sup> situation of Palestinian women,<sup>139</sup> implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>140</sup> violence against women in all its forms,<sup>141</sup> elimination of discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>142</sup> and World Decade for Cultural Development;<sup>143</sup> to national and international, governmental and non-governmental women's organizations in the resolutions relative to women and peace in Central America,<sup>144</sup> women, human rights and development in Central America<sup>145</sup> and Central American women: equality, development and peace;<sup>146</sup> to United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the resolutions relative to measures to facilitate the participation of women in development,<sup>147</sup> draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women<sup>148</sup> and assistance to the Palestinian people;<sup>149</sup> to Governments, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations in the resolutions relative to women, human rights and development in Central America,<sup>150</sup> situation of and assistance to Palestinian women<sup>151</sup> and implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing;<sup>152</sup> to all States, all governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the United Nations system in the resolutions relative to youth in the contemporary world,<sup>153</sup> Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women<sup>154</sup> and to all Member States and regional and international bodies, governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system in the resolutions relative to strengthening actions concerned with the fulfilment of the World Population Plan of Action<sup>155</sup> and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons.<sup>156</sup>

11. Recommendations were made to specialised agencies in general, on the situation of Palestinian women,<sup>157</sup> elderly women,<sup>158</sup> women, human rights and development in Central America,<sup>159</sup> women and development,<sup>160</sup> economic situation of women in Latin

<sup>136</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/31 of 24 May 1989 and 1990/6 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>137</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/43 of 24 May 1989, 1990/16 of 24 May 1990, 1991/24 of 30 May 1991, 1992/21 of 30 July 1992, 1993/17 of 27 July 1993 and 1994/30 of 27 July 1994.

<sup>138</sup> E S C resolution 1989/51 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>139</sup> E S C resolutions 1990/11 of 24 May 1990, 1991/19 of 30 May 1991 and 1992/16 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>140</sup> E S C resolution 1990/15 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>141</sup> E S C resolutions 1991/18 of 30 May 1991, 1992/12 of 30 July 1992 and 1993/26 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>142</sup> E S C resolution 1991/25 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>143</sup> E S C resolutions 1991/65 of 26 July 1991 and 1994/32 of 27 July 1994.

<sup>144</sup> E S C resolution 1989/35 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>145</sup> E S C resolution 1989/39 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>146</sup> E S C resolution 1990/7 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>147</sup> E S C resolution 1989/37 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>148</sup> E S C resolution 1993/10 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>149</sup> E S C resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>150</sup> E S C resolution 1989/39 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>151</sup> E S C resolution 1993/15 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>152</sup> E S C resolution 1993/23 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>153</sup> E S C resolution 1989/51 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>154</sup> E S C resolution 1991/64 of 26 July 1991.

<sup>155</sup> E S C resolution 1989/92 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>156</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/52 of 24 May 1989 and 1991/9 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>157</sup> E S C resolution 1989/34 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>158</sup> E S C resolution 1989/38 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>159</sup> E S C resolution 1989/39 of 24 May 1989.

America and the Caribbean,<sup>161</sup> review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice,<sup>162</sup> achievement of social justice,<sup>163</sup> population situation in the least developed countries,<sup>164</sup> incorporating population factors in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,<sup>165</sup> United Nations support for African countries in the field of population,<sup>166</sup> implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,<sup>167</sup> world social situation,<sup>168</sup> improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat,<sup>169</sup> prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),<sup>170</sup> economic and social relations between indigenous peoples and States,<sup>171</sup> tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and draft world programme of action,<sup>172</sup> implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control<sup>173</sup> and assistance to the Palestinian people.<sup>174</sup>

12. The Council addressed a recommendation namely to certain specialized agencies, notably to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and other organizations in a resolution on measures to facilitate the participation of women in development;<sup>175</sup> to the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations regional commissions and institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders in a resolution on the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (The Beijing Rules);<sup>176</sup> to the United Nations Development Programme; the World Bank, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and the United Nations Children's Fund in a resolution relative to the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice;<sup>177</sup> to the United Nations Development Programme and other financial organizations in a resolution on technical cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;<sup>178</sup> to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the World Bank and the International Fund for

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<sup>160</sup> E S C resolution 1989/41 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>161</sup> E S C resolution 1989/42 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>162</sup> E S C resolution 1989/68 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>163</sup> E S C resolution 1989/71 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>164</sup> E S C resolution 1989/89 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>165</sup> E S C resolution 1989/90 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>166</sup> E S C resolution 1989/94 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>167</sup> E S C resolutions 1989/95 of 26 July 1989, 1990/60 of 26 July 1990, 1991/68 of 26 July 1991, 1993/55 of 29 July 1993 and 1994/37 of 29 July 1994.

<sup>168</sup> E S C resolution 1991/4 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>169</sup> E S C resolution 1992/14 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>170</sup> E S C resolution 1992/33 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>171</sup> E S C decision 1992/255 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>172</sup> E S C resolution 1993/23 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>173</sup> E S C resolution 1993/43 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>174</sup> E S C resolution 1994/29 of 27 July 1994.

<sup>175</sup> E S C resolution 1989/37 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>176</sup> E S C resolution 1989/66 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>177</sup> E S C resolution 1989/68 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>178</sup> E S C resolution 1990/19 of 24 May 1990.

Agricultural Development in a resolution on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends;<sup>179</sup> to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other United Nations organizations and bodies in a resolution regarding the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment;<sup>180</sup> to the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in a resolution on the implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control<sup>181</sup> and to the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank in a resolution on the coordination of United Nations activities related to the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS).<sup>182</sup>

13. The Council also addressed recommendations to specialized agencies jointly with other actors. For example, to the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations in a resolution on the intensification and coordination of measures for reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;<sup>183</sup> to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its International Bureau of Education, in cooperation with the regional commissions, the regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and criminal justice, other specialized agencies and other entities within the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations concerned and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in a resolution on prison education;<sup>184</sup> to the regional commissions, the regional and interregional institutes for crime prevention and criminal justice, other specialized agencies and other entities within the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations concerned and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in a resolution on the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;<sup>185</sup> to all United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations, Governments, non-governmental organizations and funding agencies in a resolution on refugee and displaced women and children<sup>186</sup> and to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations in resolutions on implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.<sup>187</sup>

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<sup>179</sup> E S C resolution 1992/25 of 30 July 1992.

<sup>180</sup> E S C resolution 1994/15 of 25 July 1994.

<sup>181</sup> E S C resolution 1993/43 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>182</sup> E S C resolution 1993/51 of 29 July 1993.

<sup>183</sup> E S C resolution 1989/14 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>184</sup> E S C resolution 1990/20 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>185</sup> E S C resolution 1990/23 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>186</sup> E S C resolution 1991/23 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>187</sup> E S C resolutions 1992/59 of 31 July 1992 and 1994/37 of 29 July 1994.

14. In accordance with precious practice, the Council addressed non-governmental organizations in general, in most cases in combination with other addressees. At times, it specially addressed non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council or non-governmental organizations with a particular interest, competence or concern in a subject. Those recommendations concerned, *inter alia*, the intensification and coordination of measures for reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,<sup>188</sup> elderly women,<sup>189</sup> second review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,<sup>190</sup> African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>191</sup> prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),<sup>192</sup> food and agriculture,<sup>193</sup> Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime,<sup>194</sup> prison education,<sup>195</sup> refugee displaced women and children,<sup>196</sup> draft declaration on the elimination of violence against women<sup>197</sup> and violence against women in all its forms.<sup>198</sup>

## B. Studies and reports

15. During the period under review, the Council took a number of decisions with regard to issues of reporting by several of its subsidiary bodies. The Council decided that the membership of the Commission on the Status of Women should be increased to forty-five and that the seats should be allocated on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution bearing in mind the increase in membership of the United Nations and considering that issues relating to women have grown more complex and numerous.<sup>199</sup> Regarding the reporting obligations of States parties to international instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments, the Council approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to consider appointing, within existing resources, a task force composed of a limited number of experts to prepare a study on computerizing, as far as possible, the work of the treaty monitoring bodies in order to improve the reporting system under the United Nations human rights instruments.<sup>200</sup> In decisions on the non-submission of reports by States,<sup>201</sup> the Council appealed to the States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for more than ten years, which had not yet submit even the initial report required by the Covenant, to do so as soon as possible. It noted that those States might wish to avail themselves of the advisory services available from the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat to assist them in the preparation of their overdue reports.

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<sup>188</sup> E S C resolution 1989/14 of 22 May 1989.

<sup>189</sup> E S C resolution 1989/38 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>190</sup> E S C resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>191</sup> E S C resolution 1989/59 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>192</sup> E S C resolution 1991/66 of 26 July 1991.

<sup>193</sup> E S C resolution 1989/88 of 26 July 1989.

<sup>194</sup> E S C resolution 1990/23 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>195</sup> E S C resolution 1990/20 of 24 May 1990.

<sup>196</sup> E S C resolution 1991/23 of 30 May 1991.

<sup>197</sup> E S C resolution 1993/10 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>198</sup> E S C resolution 1993/26 of 27 July 1993.

<sup>199</sup> E S C resolution 1989/45 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>200</sup> E S C decision 1989/142 of 24 May 1989.

<sup>201</sup> E S C decisions 1991/265 of 31 May 1991 and 1992/260 of 20 July 1992.

16. In the resolution related to the enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights and the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms,<sup>202</sup> the Council decided to increase the membership of the Commission on Human Rights to fifty-three and to allocate the ten additional seats to the regional groups of Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution.<sup>203</sup> It authorized the Commission on Human Rights to meet exceptionally between its regular sessions, provided that a majority of States members of the Commission so agree.<sup>204</sup> Further, regarding those special sessions, the Council reminded the need for the Commission to deal with urgent and acute human rights situations in the most expeditious way and recognized the need to specify the procedure to be followed in that case.<sup>205</sup>

17. As regards the mandates of special rapporteurs on thematic issues in the field of human rights, the Council decided to extend those mandates to a period of one year,<sup>206</sup> for the Special Rapporteurs on the right to own property alone as well as in association with others<sup>207</sup> and on the elimination of harmful traditional practices affecting the health of women and children;<sup>208</sup> it extended for a period of two years<sup>209</sup> the mandates of Special Rapporteurs on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief,<sup>210</sup> on the elimination of harmful traditional practices affecting the health of women and children,<sup>211</sup> on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions,<sup>212</sup> on internally displaced persons<sup>213</sup> and on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of peoples to self-determination;<sup>214</sup> the mandates of the Special Rapporteurs on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,<sup>215</sup> on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions<sup>216</sup> and on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief<sup>217</sup> were extended for three years.<sup>218</sup> Further, it recommended that the mandates of thematic Rapporteurs and working groups established or to be established by the Commission should, unless otherwise decided, be of three years' duration and requested the Secretary-General to provide them with all the assistance necessary to carry out their mandates in the best conditions.<sup>219</sup> The Council maintained that those Special Rapporteurs should continue to report annually.<sup>220</sup> Besides, it expressed its appreciation to the International Court of Justice for having given the

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<sup>202</sup> E S C resolution 1990/48 of 25 May 1990.

<sup>203</sup> *Ibid*, para. 1.

<sup>204</sup> *Ibid*, para. 3.

<sup>205</sup> E S C decision 1993/286 of 28 July 1993 (annex).

<sup>206</sup> E S C decisions 1993/259 of 28 July 1993 and 1994/273 of 25 July 1994.

<sup>207</sup> E S C decision 1993/259 of 28 July 1993.

<sup>208</sup> E S C decision 1994/273 of 25 July 1994.

<sup>209</sup> E S C decisions 1990/222 of 25 May 1990, 1990/229 of 25 May 1990, 1990/233 of 25 May 1990, 1990/247 of 25 May 1990, 1992/251 of 20 July 1992 and 1993/285 of 28 July 1993.

<sup>210</sup> E S C decision 1990/229 of 25 May 1990.

<sup>211</sup> E S C decisions 1990/247 of 25 May 1990 and 1992/251 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>212</sup> E S C decision 1990/233 of 25 May 1990.

<sup>213</sup> E S C decision 1993/285 of 28 July 1993.

<sup>214</sup> E S C decision 1990/222 of 25 May 1990.

<sup>215</sup> E S C decision 1993/258 of 28 July 1993.

<sup>216</sup> E S C decision 1992/226 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>217</sup> E S C decision 1992/242 of 20 July 1992.

<sup>218</sup> E S C decisions