

focus on article 1 of the Charter which lists, among the purposes of the Organization, maintenance of international peace and security, international economic and development cooperation and the promotion and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. In addition, the study would analyse threats, impediments and obstacles in the political, economic and social spheres, including threats to democracy through military coups and terrorism, in the context of the systematic undermining and destruction of constitutional and human rights guarantees inherent in a democracy.

2. OBJECTIVE

"(b) To examine the relation between development and the enjoyment by everyone of economic, social and cultural rights as well as civil and political rights recognizing the importance of creating the conditions whereby everyone may enjoy these rights as set out in the International Covenants on Human Rights."

Annotation: The overall relationship between human rights, democracy and development would be the subject of an examination in this study, in particular the relationship between development and the enjoyment by everyone of civil, political, cultural, economic and social rights, as well as the right to development. The study could scrutinize the relationship between certain basic human rights components of democracy [equality, expression, association, assembly, information etc.] and development [equality, dignity, adequate standard of living, food, shelter, health, education, social security, etc.]. The study could analyze the contribution to the strengthening of democratic societies by UN technical assistance in connection with national elections and referendums, as requested by the States concerned. Furthermore, the study could address the question whether democracy and development constitute human rights by themselves. The study would look into the right to development as a human right, the degree to which it has been accepted and implemented, and further United Nations and national and international action towards possible realization. The study could also focus on the so-called Four Freedoms (freedom of speech, belief, and from fear and want), as well as the impact of poverty on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

3. OBJECTIVE

"(c) To examine ways and means to improve implementation of existing human rights standards and instruments."