

release any persons who had been detained solely for exercising these rights.

With regard to mass exoduses, the Commission requested governments to ensure the effective implementation of the relevant human rights instruments, which would contribute to averting new massive flows of refugees and displaced persons. It also urged the implementation of recommendations regarding the establishment of a working group and a consultative machinery for early warning of possible mass exodus situations. In light of the recent Kurdish experience, this resolution is particularly pertinent for UN organizations.

Other major thematic resolutions included:

- Human Rights Defenders: A resolution noting the report of the Working Group preparing a Draft Declaration which would recognize "the right and responsibility of individuals groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally-recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms." The resolution welcomed the substantial progress made by the Working Group, and authorized the Working Group to meet for two weeks prior to CHR48.
- Advisory Services: A resolution reaffirming that the Advisory Services Programme should continue to provide practical assistance to states in the implementation of international human rights instruments. The Commission requested the Secretary-General to provide urgently more human and financial resources for the enlargement of Advisory Services, and to intensify further coordination within the UN system for providing advisory services and technical assistance.
- World Conference on Human Rights: The Commission achieved consensus on plans for a World Conference on Human Rights in 1993. Only three countries - Pakistan, India and Bangladesh - did not co-sponsor the resolution. One point of contention was to what extent the resolution should specify the substance of the conference: many countries, felt the Preparatory Committee planning the conference should have some flexibility on what issues would be emphasized. Consensus was finally achieved on a resolution with an annex that gives the Preparatory Committee some instructions as to substance but still allows for some flexibility. The Committee will be holding its first meeting in September, 1991. It is hoped that non-governmental organizations will contribute to the process of planning the conference.