

World Conference on Human Rights

Studies and Documentation

Pursuant to decision PC/5, paragraph 1, adopted by the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on 13 September 1991, the Secretary-General of the Conference submits the following proposed list of analytical studies and documentation to be prepared for future sessions of the Prep Comm and for the Conference.

The list sets out in Part I to be undertaken by the Secretariat of the Conference. The list is organized in the order of objectives set out in General Assembly resolution 45/155, operative paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs (a) to (f). It should be noted that the annotations are indicative only and not exhaustive in terms of topics which will eventually be covered by the said studies.

Other studies will be prepared by other parties concerned, i.e., other components of the UN Secretariat and the family of organizations, and inter-governmental and regional institutions, national institutions and non-governmental organizations. It is proposed that these studies be carried out in close cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights and with the Secretariat of the Conference. The list of these other studies focussing on topics which are handled by the said organizations, is presented in Part II of this document.

PART I

1. OBJECTIVE

"(a) To review and assess the progress that has been made in the field of human rights since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to identify obstacles and ways in which they can be overcome to further progress in this area."

Annotation: The study should build on the wide range of standards, implementation efforts and United Nations reports relating to the impact of the international instruments on domestic laws and practices. One area of particular attention could be the various aspects of justice and the rule of law, including the administration of justice. The study could examine the substantive provisions of the United Nations Charter relating to human rights, with regard to future priorities of the Organization. Further progress could be achieved by a