

10. In its ninth annual training programme for broadcasters and journalists from developing countries, which ran from 12 September to 20 October 1989, the Department provided, as in previous years, skills training and briefings on major issues before the United Nations, including human rights issues, for 17 young broadcasters and journalists from developing countries around the world.

11. Between January and September 1989, close to 5,000 public inquiries on human rights and related issues were handled by the Department at Headquarters alone. Arrangements were made at Headquarters for some 100 in-house briefings on human rights and related issues, in co-operation with the New York Liaison Office of the Centre for Human Rights, addressed to non-governmental organizations and student audiences that totalled well over 4,500 people. Eight outside speaking engagements were also arranged on various human rights issues, involving a total audience of over 1,100 members of non-governmental organizations and academic and research institutions.

12. An important aspect of the approach used by the Department for promoting public information on human rights is the utilization of the news value of major events or international anniversaries. In 1989 and 1990, the majority of these events or anniversaries pertain to the economic and social fields. Consequently, many of the special information materials on human rights produced by the Department in connection with this year's events and in preparation for next year's activities have therefore focused on economic, social and cultural issues.

A. Information activities on social, cultural and economic rights

1. Social and cultural rights

13. Major public information activities in connection with social and cultural rights undertaken this year by the Department in co-operation with the substantive organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations have included the following:

(a) In observance of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, the text of the Declaration was issued in the six official languages and distributed to United Nations information centres and services and United Nations Development Programme offices in the field, for dissemination to interested non-governmental organizations and policy-makers at all levels. United Nations information centres were also encouraged to co-operate with Governments and non-governmental organizations at the national level to translate and disseminate the text in local languages. They were further encouraged to organize, at the local level, activities to promote the aims and purposes of the Declaration, and to co-operate with Governments in the proclamation of 11 December as the Day for Social Progress and Development;

(b) The Department has launched a pamphlet entitled The United Nations Social Agenda, which provides a cohesive link between all the social issues dealt with by the United Nations system. This pamphlet covers in brief articles issues such as human rights, women, literacy, AIDS, drugs, the aged, youth, crime and development,