

VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF THE HEOG ON THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION DRAFT
ON STUDIES AND DOCUMENTATION

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GENERAL COMMENTS

THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN SIX STUDIES, WHICH SHOULD CORRESPOND TO THE SIX CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 45/155,

- ANY ADDITIONAL THEMES SHOULD BE SUBSUMED WITHIN THE SIX STUDY FRAMEWORK.

HEOG EMPHASISES THE PREPCOM DECISION THAT THE STUDIES SHOULD BE SHORT, ANALYTICAL AND ACTION ORIENTED.

STUDIES SHOULD BE PREPARED BY OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS WHO ARE EMINENT IN THEIR FIELDS. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SECRETARIAT,

- PARTICULAR CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID OVERLAP BETWEEN THE VARIOUS STUDIES. IN THE LIGHT OF EXISTING OVERLAP IN THE FORMULATION OF OBJECTIVES, SOME OF THE PROPOSALS BELOW COULD BE PURSUED UNDER SEVERAL OBJECTIVES, E.G. ENHANCING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TREATY BODY SYSTEM.

IN ADDITION TO THE SIX STUDIES TO BE PREPARED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARIAT, OTHER STUDIES, IN GREATER DEPTH OR ON MORE SPECIALISED ISSUES, COULD BE PREPARED BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS, REFLECTING SPECIALISED COMPETENCE OR MANDATE, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNGA RESOLUTION 45/155 AND CHR RESOLUTION 1991/30, ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE OR WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT AND IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARIAT.

STUDIES SHOULD NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER CERTAIN CONCEPTS SUCH AS DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT CONSTITUTE HUMAN RIGHTS BY THEMSELVES. SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. THE STUDIES SHOULD RATHER BASE THEMSELVES ON THE BODY OF RIGHTS SET OUT IN EXISTING STANDARDS.

DUE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN IN ALL STUDIES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

STUDIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AND AT THE LATEST BY THE END OF 1992, IN ALL LANGUAGES. PROGRESS REPORTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE PREPCOM.

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE (A)

REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT - SHOULD FOCUS ON :