

7. Several treaty bodies have taken action on recommendations designed to expedite the timely and effective consideration of periodic reports, by deciding to appoint individual rapporteurs and/or to establish pre-sessional working groups.

### III. VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS

8. The Commission on Human Rights and the treaty bodies were generally supportive of the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of Chairpersons, in particular of those identified as requiring urgent action, and they made a number of specific suggestions in respect of some of them, as follows:

(a) In paragraph 3 of its resolution 1989/47, the Commission on Human Rights noted that the General Assembly, in so far as any of the treaty bodies may be experiencing financial difficulties, could consider alleviating those difficulties, inter alia, by the temporary allocation of necessary funds by way of advances out of the United Nations regular budget which will be reimbursed from the contributions received within the same budget year, a procedure to be repeated until such time as a permanent solution to such difficulties can be implemented;

(b) In connection with the recommendations concerning the financing of human rights treaty bodies and the provision of additional staffing and other required resources, which were strongly endorsed by all of the treaty bodies, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women suggested specifically that additional staffing resources should be provided for drafting reports, for translation services, and for carrying out necessary research and other tasks in preparation of each session. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination also recommended specifically that the Secretary-General should be authorized by the General Assembly to ensure the financing of the expenses of the members of the Committee on a temporary basis from the regular budget, until such time as a permanent solution is found to the existing financial difficulties;

(c) Regarding the recommendation concerning the provision, on a regular basis, of technical assistance and advisory services to assist States parties in fulfilling their reporting obligations, particularly regional or sub-regional training courses on the preparation and submission of reports, it was specifically suggested that resources should be made available to hold at least one or two workshops annually in different regions; that the possibility of obtaining resources from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), when so requested by a State party, for the provision of technical assistance in complying with human rights reporting obligations should be explored; and that the treaty bodies should formulate practical proposals to the Centre for Human Rights to facilitate the submission of reports by certain States.

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