

DEVELOPMENTS:

The organization and structure of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) working group that reviews states reports under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was revised by ECOSOC Resolution 1985/L7. The working group was renamed the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and will henceforth consist of 18 members serving in their personal capacity.

The CSCE Human Rights Experts meeting completed 6 weeks of discussions on June 17, 1985 without arriving at an agreed final report. Despite the lack of an agreed report, the holding of a CSCE meeting on human rights was itself a reminder of this important element of the CSCE process.

DRAFT INSTRUMENTS:

An open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) has met for a week prior to the regular session of the CHR since 1979 to draft a Convention on the Rights of the Child. A first reading of 22 articles has been completed.

An open-ended working group of the Third Committee of the UNGA has completed a first reading of a draft international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

The question of a draft declaration on the right to development has been under consideration by a working group of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR). CHR 41 in 1985 Resolution 1985/43 was adopted referring the question of adopting a declaration to the General Assembly even though the CHR working group has not been able to agree on a text.

USEFUL UN DOCUMENTATION:

Annual Report of the Human Rights Committee to the General Assembly - Supplement No. 40 (A/39/40).

Annual Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - Supplement No. 18 (A/39/18).

Annual Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women - Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45).

Report of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - E/1985/18.

Human Rights Committee - Selected Decisions Under the Optional Protocol (Second to Sixteenth Sessions) - CCPR/C/OP/1.