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## REGIONAL MEETINGS

## Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph IV of its resolution 46/116 decided that, in accordance with the objectives and provisions of its resolution 45/155, regional meetings should be convened for each region that so desired within the institutional framework or with the assistance of the regional commissions and that those meetings should be financed as part of the preparatory work for the World Conference, as recommended for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraph 8 of the annex to its resolution 1991/30.

2. Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary-General of the Conference was notified of the desire of three regional groups to hold regional preparatory meetings for the World Conference on Human Rights.

3. The Secretariat has been informed by the groups concerned of their wishes in regard to the date and duration of these meetings. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243, entitled "Pattern of conferences" in which the General Assembly decided that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional cost directly or indirectly involved, the regional meetings will take place according to the following schedule: