

51. The Department of Public Information, through its United Nations information centres, has co-operated in a number of national activities to promote human rights and the fortieth anniversary observances.

H. Fellowships and internships

52. Since the establishment of the programme in 1955, some 800 fellows have been trained by the Centre for Human Rights. Recipients of fellowships include junior diplomats, judges, police officials, military officers from all over the world, although mostly from the developing countries. Every year, some 30 fellowships are awarded. Fellows also have the opportunity to benefit from experiences gained at such human rights institutions as the Strasbourg Institute. Every year, some 20 to 25 internships are awarded by the Centre to outstanding graduate students who wish to gain first-hand exposure to the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights.

I. Briefings, radio and television interviews

53. Throughout the year, the Working Group for Human Rights and the staff of the Centre have provided numerous briefings and radio and television interviews, in co-operation with the United Nations Information Service at Geneva or the Department of Public Information in New York. The Department of Public Information provides information material, briefings and interviews with the media and non-governmental organizations.

J. Human Rights Day activities

54. At United Nations Headquarters in New York, the Department of Public Information and the Centre for Human Rights are co-ordinating a special programme of activities for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Human Rights Day, 10 December. The activities will start on World AIDS Day, 1 December, and end on Human Rights Day. A series of daily seminars will be held dealing with various aspects of human rights, such as economic and social rights, human rights aspects of AIDS, human rights writers, the right to education as reflected in the proposed convention on the rights of the child, women and human rights, the role of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights, and the situation of United Nations staff members whose human rights have been violated. In addition, film screenings, musical, cultural and social events will be held. These activities are being organized by the international non-governmental organization community, the United Nations system and United Nations staff groups. The Department of Public Information will make special efforts to ensure that all the events are accessible to coverage by the news media.

55. A commemorative session of the General Assembly will take place on 8 December, human rights awards established by the General Assembly will be presented for outstanding achievements in the field of human rights, and on Human Rights Day, a