

**1996/38. Follow-up to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1988 (LX) of 11 May 1976, by which it noted the important responsibilities placed upon the Economic and Social Council by the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>49</sup> in particular those resulting from articles 21 and 22, and expressed its readiness to fulfil those responsibilities,

*Recalling also* its decision 1978/10 of 3 May 1978, by which it decided to establish a sessional working group on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 1979/43 of 11 May 1979 and 1982/33 of 6 May 1982 and its decision 1981/158 of 8 May 1981,

*Recalling* its resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985, by which it reviewed the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and established the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Having taken into account* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993,<sup>37</sup> which reaffirmed that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that the international community must treat them globally in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing, and with the same emphasis,

*Aware* of the provisions of article 29 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Noting* that the provisions concerning the follow-up and monitoring of the Covenant are not consistent with those in other human rights treaties,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed substantive session of 1996, a report on the legal procedure necessary to bring the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in line with other similar human rights treaty bodies.

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26 July 1996*