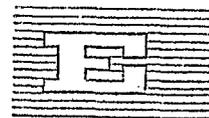


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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION  
BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1984/57 of 15 March 1984, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief", the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission, at its forty-first session, on measures taken to implement this resolution and resolution 1984/39 of 24 May 1984 on the same subject adopted by the Economic and Social Council. The present report has been prepared in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions.
2. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1984/39, authorized the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to entrust the Special Rapporteur, Mrs. Odio-Benito, with the preparation of a study, in accordance with the terms of Sub-Commission resolution 1983/31, on the current dimensions of the problems of intolerance and of discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit her study to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-seventh session. Subsequently, the Special Rapporteur submitted a preliminary report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1984/28) to the Sub-Commission, at its thirty-seventh session, containing a proposed outline of the final report and a questionnaire for transmission to Governments, relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, and intergovernmental organizations concerned.
3. At its thirty-seventh session, the Sub-Commission discussed the preliminary report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1984/28) on the question of the current dimensions of the problems of intolerance and of discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, submitted by the Special Rapporteur. The Sub-Commission adopted resolution 1984/31 of 30 August 1984, by which it requested the Special Rapporteur to continue her work and to submit a progress report to the Sub-Commission, at its thirty-eighth session and a final report at its thirty-ninth session.

4. The Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 28 September 1984, addressed to all States, submitted the questionnaire and requested information thereto. The questionnaire was also sent to relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned. By 14 December 1984, relevant information has been received from the following 14 States: 1/ Burkino Faso, Chad, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Jordan, Mexico, Peru, Qatar, Syrian Arab Republic and Tonga. Information was also received from the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as well as from 10 non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The communications were brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur.

5. In accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/40 endorsed by the Economic and Social Council decision 1983/150, the Secretary-General held within the framework of the advisory services programme a seminar on the encouragement of understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief, from 3 to 14 December 1984, at Geneva. The report of the seminar (ST/HR/SER.A/16) will be before the Commission at the present session.

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1/ The communications are available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat in the original languages.