

2. resolved to combat the scourges, such as famine, disease, poverty, the feeling of insecurity and ignorance, which take toll of or degrade men, and prevent the free development of their personality;

3. resolved to strive to ensure that every human being shall obtain the food, clothing, shelter essential for his livelihood and well-being, and shall achieve an adequate standard of living and a continuous improvement of his living material and spiritual conditions;

4. undertake to take steps, individually and through international co-operation, to the maximum of their available resources with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the rights recognized in this part of the present Covenant.

ARTICLE 20

Work being at the basis of all human endeavor, the States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right to work, that is to say, the fundamental right of everyone to the opportunity, if he so desires, to gain his living by work which he freely accepts.

ARTICLE 21

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone to just and favourable conditions of work, including: (a) safe and healthy working conditions; (b) minimum remuneration which provides all workers: (i) with fair wages and equal pay for equal work, and (ii) a decent living for themselves and their families; and (c) reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

ARTICLE 22

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone to social security.

ARTICLE 23

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone to adequate housing.

ARTICLE 24

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living and the continuous improvement of living conditions.

ARTICLE 25

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest standard of health obtainable. With a view to implementing and safeguarding this right each State party hereto undertakes to provide legislative measures to promote and protect health and, in particular: (i) to reduce infant mortality and provide for healthy development of the child; (ii) to improve nutrition, housing, sanitation, recreation, economic and working conditions and other aspects of environmental hygiene; (iii) to control epidemic, endemic and other diseases; (iv) to provide conditions which would assure the right of all to medical service and medical attention in the event of sickness.

ARTICLE 26

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize that: (1) special protection should be accorded to maternity and motherhood; and (2) special measures of protection should be taken on behalf of children and young persons, and that in particular they should not be required to do work likely to hamper their normal development.

ARTICLE 27

The States Parties to the Covenant recognize the right of everyone, in conformity with Arti-