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ARREST, EXTRADITION AND PUNISHMENT OF PERSONS GUILTY OF
WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Byelorussian SSR, Czechoslovakia and Democratic Yemen: draft principles

- 1. War crimes and crimes against humanity, whenever or wherever they are committed, shall be subject to investigation and the persons guilty of them shall be subject to tracing, arrest, trial and punishment.
- 2. States shall co-operate with each other on a bilateral and multilateral basis with a view to halting and preventing war crimes and crimes against humanity and shall take the domestic and international measures necessary for that purpose.
- 3. States shall assist each other in detecting, arresting, bringing to trial and punishing persons who have committed such crimes, including crimes resulting from implementation of policies of racism, apartheid and colonialism.
- 4. Persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity shall be subject to trial and punishment, as a general rule, in the countries in which they committed those crimes. In that connexion, States shall co-operate on questions of extraditing such persons.
- 5. States shall co-operate with each other in the collection of information and evidence which would help to bring the persons indicated in paragraph 4 to trial and shall exchange such information.
- 6. In accordance with article 1 of the Declaration on Territorial Asylum of 14 December 1967, States shall not grant asylum to persons against whom there is evidence that they are guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.
- 7. States shall not take any legislative or other measures which may be prejudicial to the provisions and purposes of the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity.

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8. In co-operating with a view to the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons who have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity, States shall act in conformity with the provisions of the United Nations Charter and of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

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