

3483 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/63 of 10 December 1976 and 32/194 of 20 December 1977,

Noting the letter dated 26 September 1978 from the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to the President of the General Assembly¹⁵ regarding the decisions reached at the seventh session of the Conference, held at Geneva from 28 March to 19 May 1978 and in New York from 21 August to 15 September 1978,

Having considered the decision of the Conference, as conveyed in the letter from its President, that its eighth session should be convened at Geneva on 19 March 1979 for a period of six weeks and that the Conference should be empowered to decide at the end of its eighth session to hold further meetings in 1979 under arrangements to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General, should the Conference feel at that stage that a decision to that effect would enable it to advance its work,

Taking into account the recommendation made by the Conference that the General Assembly should again study measures to ensure stability and continuity for the secretariat personnel recruited for the Conference,

1. *Approves* the convening of the eighth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Geneva for the period from 19 March to 27 April 1979 and empowers the Conference, if the progress of its work warrants, to decide at that stage to hold further meetings under arrangements to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make available appropriate facilities to that end;

3. *Reiterates* its authorization, originally given in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 31/63, to the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements, provided under paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII), for the efficient and continuous servicing of the Conference in 1979 and of subsequent activities as may be decided upon by the Conference, as well as to take appropriate measures to ensure stability and continuity for the secretariat personnel recruited for the Conference.

*51st plenary meeting
10 November 1978*

33/18. Observer status for the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the desire of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation for co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency,

1. *Decides* to invite the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

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¹⁵ A/33/270 and Corr.1.

33/27. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,¹⁶

Recalling its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and the practical measures taken for their implementation, in particular resolution 32/19 of 11 November 1977,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth ordinary session, held at Khartoum from 18 to 22 July 1978,¹⁷

Taking note especially of the statement made by the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at the 10th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 27 September 1978,¹⁸ particularly on matters of concern to the two organizations,

Taking further note of the meeting between the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system on assistance to liberation movements, held at Geneva in August 1978, and particularly of the recommendations adopted at that meeting,

Noting with satisfaction the excellent co-operation that has developed between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in areas of common endeavour,

Aware of the special needs of the newly independent African States, particularly with regard to the consolidation of their national independence, their endeavours towards social and economic betterment and the adverse impact on their economies of the current international economic situation,

Gravely concerned at the deteriorating situation in southern Africa arising from the continued domination of the people of the area by the minority racist régimes, and conscious of the need to provide increased assistance to the peoples of the region and to their liberation movements in their struggle against colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Aware of its responsibilities to provide economic, material and humanitarian assistance to independent States in southern Africa to help them to cope with the situation caused by the acts of aggression against their territories by the *apartheid* régime in South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recognizing the importance of taking effective steps to give the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the liberation struggle of the peoples in southern Africa,

Recognizing the need for continuous liaison, exchange of information at the secretariat level and technical co-operation on such matters as training and

¹⁶ A/33/253 and Corr.1 and 2.

¹⁷ See A/33/235 and Corr.1, annex II.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 10th meeting, paras. 2-63.

research between the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and commends his efforts in strengthening such co-operation;

2. *Notes with deep appreciation* the increasing participation of the Organization of African Unity in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and its constructive contribution to that work;

3. *Commends* the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote multilateral co-operation among African States and to find solutions to African problems of vital importance to the international community and takes note with satisfaction of the increased collaboration of various United Nations agencies in support of those efforts;

4. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to eliminate colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* in southern Africa;

5. *Recognizes* the importance of continued close association by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, where appropriate, with the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote social and economic development and to advance intra-African co-operation in this vital field;

6. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations to work closely with the Organization of African Unity towards the establishment of the new international economic order in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly;

7. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts, on behalf of the international community, to organize and mobilize special economic assistance programmes to various African States experiencing grave economic difficulties due to abnormal political, humanitarian and geo-economic circumstances;

8. *Calls upon* all Member States, regional and international organizations and organizations of the United Nations system to give favourable consideration to those special economic assistance programmes and accord them full and generous support;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Organization of African Unity informed periodically of the response of the international community to those programmes and to co-ordinate efforts with any similar programmes initiated by the Organization of African Unity;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the organizations within the United Nations system to ensure that adequate facilities continue to be made available for the provision of technical assistance to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity as and when required;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa, and, in

this connexion, draws attention once again to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

12. *Calls upon* the United Nations bodies, in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the United Nations Council for Namibia, to continue to associate closely the Organization of African Unity with all their work concerning Africa;

13. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme, in particular, to arrange for the meeting between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations within the United Nations system to be held in New York during the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of the Programme, in June 1979, and requests that the meeting deal with relations between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations within the United Nations system as well as assistance to liberation movements;

14. *Reiterates* its invitation to the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and expand their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, their assistance to the liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

68th plenary meeting
1 December 1978

33/28. Question of Palestine

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The General Assembly,

Recalling and reaffirming its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3375 (XXX) and 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 31/20 of 24 November 1976 and 32/40 A and B of 2 December 1977,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,¹⁹

Having heard the statement of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people,²⁰

1. *Expresses its grave concern* that no just solution to the problem of Palestine has been achieved and that this problem therefore continues to aggravate the Middle East conflict, of which it is the core, and to endanger international peace and security;

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 35 (A/33/35 and Corr.1).

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Plenary Meetings, 59th meeting, paras. 73-112.