

3. *Reaffirms once again* its conviction that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. *Requests* States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. *Appeals* to States parties to the Convention to study the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the General Assembly annual reports concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

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33/102. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 33/98 of 16 December 1978 on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 32/13 of 7 November 1977 on the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and 33/101 of 16 December 1978 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions⁴⁹ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁵⁰

Emphasizing the need for Member States to intensify, at the national and international levels, their struggle against acts or practices of racial discrimination and the vestiges or manifestations of racist ideologies wherever they exist,

Stressing the importance of complying with the undertaking of States parties to the Convention not to engage in any act or practice of racial discrimination against any person, groups of persons or national or ethnic minorities, and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Convention,

Noting with appreciation the valuable work done by the Committee, in particular its contribution to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva from 14 to 25 August 1978, and to the realization of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,⁵¹

Welcoming the co-operation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with

the Committee in order to give effect to article 7 of the Convention,

Noting the decisions adopted and the recommendations made by the Committee at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions;

2. *Draws the attention once again* of the relevant United Nations bodies to the opinions and recommendations of the Committee relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies and stresses the necessity of providing the Committee with sufficient information in order to enable it to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

3. *Supports* the continued efforts of the Committee to focus attention on the just cause of peoples struggling against oppression practised by the colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa;

4. *Welcomes* the Committee's intention to resume the consideration of the implementation of article 7 of the Convention at its nineteenth session with a view to formulating general guidelines that might assist the States parties to implement article 7 of the Convention;

5. *Reiterates* its grave concern that some States parties to the Convention, owing to reasons beyond their control, are being prevented from fulfilling their obligations under the Convention in parts of their respective territories and endorses the relevant decision of the Committee adopted at its eighteenth session;

6. *Invites* the States parties to the Convention to co-operate with the Committee by submitting in due time their reports under article 9 of the Convention, taking into account the relevant recommendations and requests of the Committee;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have printed and circulate to Member States the study on the work of the Committee⁵² prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2057 (LXII) of 12 May 1977 and the pamphlet on the Convention prepared by the Committee as its contribution to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, with the suggestion that these documents be given the widest possible dissemination;

8. *Urges* all States which are not yet parties to the Convention to ratify or accede to it and, pending such ratification or accession, to be guided by the basic provisions of the Convention in their internal and foreign policies;

9. *Invites* the States parties to the Convention to observe fully the provisions of the Convention and other international instruments and agreements to which they are parties concerning the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

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⁴⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/33/18).

⁵⁰ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁵¹ Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

⁵² See A/CONF.92/8.