

Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and takes note of the measures contemplated by that Government aimed at ensuring the success of the Conference;

2. *Decides*, in conformity with paragraph 13 of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,²⁵ to convene the Conference in Ghana in order to mobilize world public opinion and adopt measures likely to secure the full and universal implementation of United Nations decisions and resolutions on racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, decolonization and self-determination;

3. *Decides* to make exception to its resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 on the pattern of conferences and agrees that half of the additional cost involved in holding the Conference in Ghana shall be defrayed from the regular budget of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain his contacts with the Government of Ghana concerning future arrangements for holding the Conference at Accra;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled "World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

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31/79. Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 3135 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 and 3381 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General²⁶ on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;²⁷

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

3. *Reaffirms once again* its conviction that ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 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. *Appeals* to 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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31/80. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973, by which it adopted and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*, and its resolution 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

Expressing its appreciation to those States which have become parties to the Convention,

Convinced that ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the achievement of the goals of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Reiterating its firm conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity seriously disturbing international peace and security,

Underlining Security Council resolution 392 (1976) of 19 June 1976, in which the Council condemned the Government of South Africa for its resort to massive violence against and killings of the African people, including schoolchildren and students and others opposing racial discrimination,

Noting that the legitimate struggle of the oppressed African peoples against *apartheid* demands all necessary assistance by the international community,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*;²⁸

2. *Welcomes* the entry into force on 18 July 1976 of the above-mentioned Convention;

3. *Appeals* to all States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to accede thereto;

4. *Invites* the Chairman of the thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a group consisting of three members of the Commission as provided for by article IX of the Convention;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to undertake the functions set out in article X of the Convention, in particular to prepare a list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States which are alleged to be responsible for the crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report under General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX) a special part concerning the implementation of the Convention;

7. *Decides* to consider annually, starting with its thirty-second session, the question entitled "Status of

²⁵ Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

²⁶ A/31/201.

²⁷ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

²⁸ A/31/209.

the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*".

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31/81. Reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 31/77 of 13 December 1976 on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 3266 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 on the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and 31/79 of 13 December 1976 on the Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Having considered the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the sixth and seventh years of its activities²⁹ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,³⁰

Noting with appreciation the interest of the Committee, when performing its functions under the Convention, to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Mindful of the undertaking of States Parties to the Convention to engage in no 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 the decisions adopted by the Committee at its eleventh to fourteenth sessions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Takes note also* of the part of the reports of the Committee concerning petitions and other information 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 draws the attention of the relevant United Nations bodies to the Committee's opinions and recommendations relating to those Territories;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee for the work it performs in pursuance of the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, thus contributing significantly to the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination;

4. *Commends* the Committee for focusing greater attention on the just cause of the peoples struggling against the oppression of the colonialist and racist régimes in southern Africa;

5. *Calls upon* 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;

6. *Welcomes* the co-operation of the States parties to the Convention with the Committee in submitting their reports and designating representatives to be present at the meetings of the Committee when it considers their reports;

7. *Calls upon* all States parties to the Convention to provide all necessary information to the Committee in accordance with article 9 of the Convention, taking also into account the relevant recommendations and requests of the Committee;

8. *Welcomes* the Committee's participation in the realization of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in accordance with its decision 1 (XI) of 4 April 1975;

9. *Invites* the States parties to the Convention to include in their reports, under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, information on the status of their relations with the racist régimes in southern Africa, in accordance with decision 2 (XI) of the Committee of 7 April 1975;

10. *Reminds* the States parties to the Convention of their obligations, under the Convention, as recommended by the Committee in its decision 4 (XI) of 14 April 1975, to adopt appropriate legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures with a view to putting an end to racism and to the vestiges or manifestations of such ideologies wherever they exist;

11. *Invites* 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.

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31/82. Implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3447 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 proclaiming the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons,

Desiring to achieve the effective implementation of the rights and principles laid down in the Declaration,

1. *Recommends* that all Member States should take account of the rights and principles laid down in the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons in establishing their policies, plans and programmes;

2. *Recommends* that all international organizations and agencies concerned should include in their programmes provisions ensuring the effective implementation of those rights and principles;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly, in the form of a summary annexed to his reports on the world social situation, of the measures adopted by Member States and by the international organizations and agencies concerned with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the

²⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/10018); and *ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/31/18 and Corr.1).

³⁰ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.