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Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

Replace annexes II and III of document A/9094 by the attached text.

* A/9100.

ANNEX II

Draft Recommendations of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
on the role of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Programme for a
Decade of Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination a/

It is recommended that non-governmental organizations:

1. Consider affirming the proclamation adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session that the years 1973 to 1983 be the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. (7) They should consider informing their constituencies of the proclamation and the programme and seeking to adopt an appropriate resolution pledging to co-operate in this Decade and distributing its pertinent materials.
2. Urge the accession, ratification, and implementation by all States of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. (3a)
3. Consider on national and local levels the implementation of measures in the economic, social, cultural, and political fields that would ensure the full equality of all peoples and individuals, without distinction of any kind as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. (12a)
4. Urge the inclusion in the formal and non-formal education of children and youth of the subject of human rights; for example, by initiating pilot projects in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Office of Public Information of the United Nations.
5. Consider jointly or separately convening international, regional, and national seminars and conferences on the objectives of the Decade. (13b)
6. Consider urging Governments to deny support to racist régimes and should do likewise themselves. (13d) This may involve non-governmental organizations through their national affiliates urging Governments to discontinue all military, economic, and political collaboration with such racist régimes and cessation of all activities by foreign economic interests which encourage such racist régimes. b/

a/ See paragraph 15.

b/ General Assembly resolution 2923 E (XXVII).

7. Consider the appeal of the United Nations to Governments, specialized agencies, national and international organizations, and individuals to provide greater assistance, directly or through the Organization of African Unity, to the national movements of the oppressed people of South and southern Africa. b/
8. Consider encouraging pilot studies on racism and racial discrimination, including the eradication of institutionalized racism of all kinds. (14)
9. Consider encouraging widespread participation by individuals, organizations, and Governments in the various international and regional funds to lessen racism and racial discrimination and to help its victims, including refugees. (14c)
10. Consider framing, early in the Decade, suggested guidelines for international non-governmental organizations with affiliates operating in States practising racial discrimination and racism, to implement the Programme of the Decade, acknowledging that non-governmental organizations differ widely in purposes, structures, and modalities.

b/ General Assembly resolution 2923 E (XXVII).

ANNEX III

Suggestions made by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on Human Rights concerning possible modifications to the Draft Programme for a Decade of Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination a/

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on Human Rights suggests that it believes the Programme for the Decade would be more successful if the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session modified the Draft Programme in the following ways:

1. The definition of racism and racial discrimination for the entire Programme should be based on the definition of racial discrimination as given in section 1 of article 1 of the International Convention: "The term, 'racial discrimination', shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction, or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment, or exercise, on an equal footing of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life."
2. The co-ordination, review, appraisal and reporting for the Programme of the Decade should be made within the context of the Economic and Social Council, with provisions for strong and continuing input from non-governmental organizations. If, for some reason, a Special Committee is created, non-governmental organizations should have specific and continuing relations to it.
3. A new section should be added to the Preamble as follows: "Racism and racial discrimination can continue to be combated, and its elimination intensified, through co-operation with international non-governmental organizations."
4. A new section should be added to the section on Regional and International Action as follows: "It is essential that international non-governmental organizations co-operate in participating fully to help implement the Programme as they have helped in drafting it and will help in reviewing it."
5. If a Special Committee is authorized, (a) the Committee should take note of the programme and activities of non-governmental organizations in its review and programmes for implementing the Decade; and (b) representatives of international non-governmental organizations should be non-voting participants of the Special Committee (if it will not be a function of the Economic and Social Council).

a/ See paragraph 15.