

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make all efforts to ensure adequate servicing for the effective functioning of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as a treaty body of the United Nations;

7. *Takes note once again* of the deliberations of the Committee at its third session concerning the inclusion in the agenda of a future session of an item on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention,⁴⁴ which provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women, for information.

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1985/19. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council.

Welcoming the consensus support for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination demonstrated by the General Assembly in its resolutions 38/14 of 22 November 1983 and 39/16 of 23 November 1984,

Mindful of the responsibilities conferred by the General Assembly upon the Council for co-ordinating and evaluating the activities undertaken in implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade.

Recalling the guidance provided to the Secretary-General by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/16,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,⁴⁵

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Welcomes* the initiatives being taken to co-ordinate the full range of programmes under implementation by the United Nations system as they relate to the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Also welcomes* the additional project, introduced during the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly,⁴⁶ to organize a media round-table in Europe in 1985 concerning international legal issues relating to *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination, and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of that project;

4. *Invites* all Governments to take or continue to take all the necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

⁴⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/39/45)*, vol. II.

⁴⁵ E/1985/16.

⁴⁶ See A/C.3/39/SR.34, para. 43.

5. *Invites* all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate in the implementation of the plan of activities for the period 1985-1989⁴⁷ by intensifying and expanding their efforts to ensure the rapid elimination of *apartheid* and all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to co-operate fully with the Council in its co-ordinating role of the activities related to the Second Decade;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit annual reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, taking into account the relevant resolutions and recommendations of the United Nations, including the Programme for the first Decade annexed to General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973.

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29 May 1985

1985/20. Ensuring the timely distribution of conference documents

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with regret that the majority of the documents for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, one of which was the comprehensive 1985 report on the world social situation,⁴⁸ did not reach the Commission until the first meeting of the session,

Conscious of the Commission's responsibility for maintaining the quality of its deliberations and decisions,

Considering that adequate information on the contents of the documents relating to the items of the agenda of the Commission constitutes a prerequisite therefor,

Considering that representatives should be accorded sufficient time to study the documents adequately and to orient themselves further if required,

Recalling the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,⁴⁹ in rule 6, paragraph 1, of which it is stated that the Secretary-General shall communicate, not less than six weeks before the opening of the session, the provisional agenda and transmit the basic documents related to each item appearing therein,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, as a matter of priority and urgency, that from now on the distribution of the documents concerned will correspond strictly to the rules of procedure;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future reports on the world social situation are distributed no later than twelve weeks before the commencement of the session of the Commission.

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1985/21. World social situation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/54 of 3 December 1982,

⁴⁷ See A/39/167-E/1984/33 and Add.1 and 2.

⁴⁸ E/CN.5/1985/2; to be issued as a United Nations publication (ST/ESA/165).

⁴⁹ E/5975/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10).