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### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

#### Report of the Third Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1985, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: reports of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered the item jointly with items 93 and 94 at its 3rd to 15th, 30th and 31st meetings, on 7 to 11, 14 to 17 October and 4 and 5 November 1985. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/40/C.3/SR.3-15 and 30 and 31).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter III, section A (A/40/3); 1/
  - (b) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/16: report of the Secretary-General (A/40/416);

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1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/40/3/Rev.1).

- (c) Study on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers: note by the Secretary-General (A/40/694 and Add.1);
- (d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General (E/1985/16 and Add.1), prepared in accordance with paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 39/16;
- (e) Note verbale dated 11 March 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué of and resolutions adopted at the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Sanaa from 18 to 22 December 1984 (A/40/173-S/17033);
- (f) Letter dated 17 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the joint statement of the delegations of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Viet Nam at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in connection with the fortieth anniversary of the victory over nazism and racism in the Second World War (A/40/320-E/1985/82);
- (g) Letter dated 17 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/398-S/17292);
- (h) Letter dated 15 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the co-ordination meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in New York on 9 October 1985 (A/40/758-S/17570).
4. At the 3rd meeting of the Committee, on 7 October, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Co-ordinate Activities concerning the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination made an introductory statement.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/40/L.7

5. At the 30th meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/40/L.7) entitled "Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".
6. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/C.3/40/L.10.
7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/40/L.7 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its objective contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reaffirming its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 3/ the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid 4/ and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960, 5/

Recalling also its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, on the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, on the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling further the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983, respectively,

Taking note once again of the Report of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 6/

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2/ Resolution 217 A (III).

3/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

4/ Resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

5/ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions, p. 119.

6/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.4 and corrigendum.

Convinced that the Second World Conference represented a positive contribution by the international community towards attaining the objectives of the Decade, through its adoption of a Declaration and an operational Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 7/

Noting with concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination did not attain its principal objectives and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Recalling its resolution 39/16 of 23 November 1984,

Emphasizing the necessity of attaining the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Convinced of the need to take more effective and sustained international measures for the elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination and the total eradication of apartheid in South Africa,

1. Resolves once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, particularly in their institutionalized form, such as apartheid, or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;
2. Decides that the international community, in general, and the United Nations, in particular, should continue to give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism, racial discrimination and apartheid, and to intensify its own efforts, during the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to provide assistance and relief to the victims of racism and all forms of racial discrimination and apartheid, especially in South Africa and Namibia and in occupied territories and territories under alien domination;
3. Appeals to all Governments and to international and non-governmental organizations to increase and intensify their activities to combat racism, racial discrimination and apartheid and to provide relief and assistance to the victims of these evils;
4. Appeals to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination so as to enable the Secretary-General to implement the various programme elements outlined in his plan of activities for 1985-1989; 8/

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7/ Ibid., chap. II.

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

5. Takes note with appreciation of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General containing information on the activities of Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as United Nations organs, to give effect to the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; 9/
6. Acknowledges the progress made in preparing the study on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers, 10/ and authorizes the Secretary-General to solicit relevant information and views from Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and to submit the final study to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;
7. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the organization of the Round-Table on International Legal Issues relating to Apartheid, Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at The Hague from 4 to 6 September 1985;
8. Expresses satisfaction at the convening of the Seminar on Community Relations Commissions and Their Functions, held at Geneva from 9 to 20 September 1985, and invites the Secretary-General to disseminate the report of the seminar widely;
9. Reiterates its invitation to the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of the activities outlined in his report on the plan of activities for the period 1985-1989 and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session the study on the role of private group action to combat racism and racial discrimination and to the Assembly at its forty-third session the global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and issue as soon as possible a collection of model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination;
11. Invites the Secretary-General to organize in New York in 1987 a training course for legislative draftsmen with the aim of focusing on the preparation of national legislation against racism and racial discrimination;
12. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and educational activities on human rights and against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education;

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9/ A/40/416, E/1985/16 and Add.1.

10/ A/40/694 and Add.1.

13. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights to consider the possible need for updating the study on racial discrimination; 11/

14. Authorizes the Secretary-General to organize in 1988 a global consultation on racial discrimination involving representatives of the United Nations system, regional intergovernmental organizations and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to focus on the co-ordination of international activities to combat racism and racial discrimination;

15. Welcomes decision 1985/141 of the Economic and Social Council authorizing the organization in 1986 in Africa of an international seminar on international assistance and support to peoples and movements struggling against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination and apartheid, and requests that the report on the seminar be made available to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

16. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

17. Requests the Economic and Social Council, during the period of the Second Decade, to submit an annual report to the General Assembly, containing, inter alia:

(a) An enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations;

(b) A review and appraisal of those activities;

(c) Its suggestions and recommendations.

18. Decides that the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" should be on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and should be considered as a matter of the highest priority at its forty-first session.

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11/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.XIV.2.