

5. *Calls upon* all women of the world to support and assist all the bodies struggling to put an end to colonialism in Namibia.

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1986/24. Front-line States

The Economic and Social Council,

Gravely concerned about the intensified undeclared war being waged by the Pretoria régime against the independent neighbouring States,

Further concerned about the collaboration of certain countries with South Africa in its destabilization campaign, in particular the recent formalization of military assistance to the Uniao Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola,

Alarmed by the suffering imposed on the neighbouring States, especially on women and children, as a direct result of the massacres and other acts of terrorism perpetrated by the South African racist army and puppet armed bandits,

Commending the front-line States for their resistance to the military pressures and economic blackmail of the Pretoria régime, aimed at forcing them to abandon their traditional support of the struggle for the liberation of Namibia and South Africa itself,

Convinced of the imperative and urgent need for the international community to render more material and moral support to those countries in conformity with the relevant United Nations resolutions,

1. *Strongly condemns* the South African racist régime for its unprovoked and premeditated acts of aggression against the independent neighbouring States, in particular the continued occupation of the southern part of Angola;

2. *Demands* that the Pretoria régime stop the recruitment, training and financing of mercenaries and armed bandits used to commit massacres and other acts of terrorism against the innocent civilian population of the front-line States, including women and children;

3. *Commends* the front-line States for their unswerving commitment to the liberation struggle in South Africa and Namibia and calls upon the international community to increase assistance to those States;

4. *Demands* an immediate cessation of all South African acts of destabilization and aggression against the front-line States and calls upon those Governments that support the Uniao Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola to desist from doing so;

5. *Demands* the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all the South African racist troops from the territory of Angola.

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1986/25. Measures of assistance provided to South African, Namibian and refugee women

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,³⁸

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on measures of assistance provided to women inside South Africa and Namibia and to women from South Africa and Namibia who have become refugees as a result of the practice of *apartheid*,³⁹ prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/17 of 24 May 1984,

Further taking note of the report of the International Conference on Women and Children under *Apartheid*, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 7 to 10 May 1985⁴⁰ and the recommendations contained therein,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 34/93 K of 12 December 1979, 35/206 N of 16 December 1980 and 36/172 K of 17 December 1981 on women and children under *apartheid*,

Noting with regret that during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace the status of women living under *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia has deteriorated,

Concerned about the special needs of women and children forced to flee from South Africa and Namibia who have become refugees as a result of the practice of *apartheid*,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to intensify their support and solidarity with women and children inside and outside South Africa and Namibia and in front-line States, in particular:

(a) To provide for the widest possible dissemination of information about the situation of women and children under *apartheid*;

(b) To provide legal, humanitarian and other assistance to women and children and their families who are victims of *apartheid*;

(c) To provide assistance to women in the national liberation movements to enable them to attend major international conferences and seminars and to undertake speaking tours to further promote international solidarity with oppressed women;

(d) To support the projects and activities of the southern African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, particularly those involving women, children and refugees;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To ensure close co-ordination between United Nations bodies, in particular the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the Centre against *Apartheid*, the Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations Council for Namibia, as well as the Department of Public Information, with a view to maximizing publicity on the situation of women and children under *apartheid*;

(b) To report to the Commission on the Status of Women at each of its sessions on new developments concerning the situation of women living under *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia;

3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it request the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to include in its work programme for 1987 the organization of a seminar on the special needs of South African, Namibian and refugee women and ways of increasing measures of assistance to them, in close co-operation with the Branch for the Advancement of Women of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs,

³⁸United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10.

³⁹E/CN.6/1986/5.
⁴⁰A/AC.115/L.623.