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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Algeria, Australia, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Pakistan,
Rwanda and Yugoslavia: revised draft resolution

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and resolution 41/... of ... on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/ as well as its other relevant resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 2/

Mindful of the obligation of all States parties to comply fully with the provisions of the Convention,

Aware of the importance of the contribution of the Committee to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Further aware of the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially the elimination of apartheid in South Africa and Namibia,

1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

2/ Resolution 38/14, annex.

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General concerning the work of the Committee, 3/ which states, inter alia, that the Committee was unable to hold its thirty-fourth session in August 1986 as planned because of the lack of financial means, as a consequence of the failure of many States parties to the Convention to pay their dues under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention,

Recalling also the appeal made by the tenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention to States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention, as well as other appeals on the same subject,

1. Expresses its grave concern that, for the above reason, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was unable to hold its thirty-fourth session and to carry out its obligations in the course of 1986 and that, consequently, it could not submit an annual report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;
2. Commends the Committee for its work in the past with regard to the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and to the realization of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;
3. Calls upon the States parties to comply fully with their obligation under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention and to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures undertaken to implement the Convention;
4. Appeals urgently to the States parties to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention so as to enable the Committee to resume its work;
5. Requests the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To consider making an urgent appeal, by telex, to States parties to fulfil their financial obligations in relation to the Committee in order to enable it to resume its work;
 - (b) To transmit notices of assessment for 1987 to States parties as soon as possible, urging them to pay their contributions;
 - (c) To explore all appropriate avenues to enable the Committee to meet in 1987, even if for a shorter duration and at a reduced cost;
 - (d) To consider convoking, if necessary, a meeting of States parties during the first regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council, so that they can take stock of the level of assessed contributions and make recommendations on the future work of the Committee;
 - (e) To report on the situation to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.
