

35/3 of 8 March 1991 of the Commission on the Status of Women,⁵⁸

Noting that in resolution 45/124, the General Assembly strongly supported the view of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women that the Secretary-General should accord higher priority within existing resources to strengthening technical and substantive support for the Committee,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session,⁴⁰

Recalling that the Committee agreed, in examining reports, to take due account of the different cultural and socio-economic systems of States parties to the Convention,

Recalling with satisfaction the establishment of the practice of holding a pre-sessional working group three to five days prior to each session of the Committee,

Convinced that the close relationship between the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, implies that the secretariats of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child should work closely together,

Welcoming the general recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session,⁴⁹

Noting with appreciation the holding of the South Pacific regional seminar on the Convention in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, in March 1991, which recommended that all Pacific Island States should accede to the Convention,

Aware that the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will take place on 3 September 1991,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session;

2. *Welcomes* the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by an increasing number of Member States;

3. *Urges* all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to strengthen training in the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional and interregional levels, especially in order to assist States parties in meeting their reporting obligations;

5. *Urges* States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide training opportunities on a regular basis for persons preparing periodic reports of States parties to the Convention;

6. *Welcomes* the initiatives taken to provide regional training courses for government officials on the

⁵⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 8 (E/1991/28)*, chap. I, sect. C.

preparation and drafting of reports of States parties and training and information seminars for States considering acceding to the Convention, and urges the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system to support such initiatives;

7. *Recommends* that the strengthening of substantive and technical support for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be a priority in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993 of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat;

8. *Invites* the international community to mark the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention in an appropriate manner;

9. *Invites* States parties to the Convention to make every possible effort to submit their initial reports on the implementation of the Convention, as well as their second and subsequent periodic reports, in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and the guidelines provided by the Committee, and to cooperate fully with the Committee in the presentation of their reports;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide for, facilitate and encourage, within existing resources, the dissemination of public information relating to the Committee, its recommendations, the Convention and the concept of legal literacy, taking into account the Committee's own recommendations in that regard;

11. *Recommends* that a close relationship be maintained between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other United Nations human rights bodies, as well as between the secretariats of those Committees.

*12th plenary meeting
30 May 1991*

1991/26. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist regime of South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 39/15 of 23 November 1984, 41/95 of 4 December 1986, 43/92 of 8 December 1988 and 45/84 of 14 December 1990,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Ahmed Khalifa, for his updated report;⁵⁹

2. *Expresses its thanks* to all Governments and organizations that provided information to the Special Rapporteur;

3. *Recalls* its resolution 1990/34 of 25 May 1990 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/22 of 27 February 1990,⁶⁰ and invites the Special Rapporteur:

⁵⁹ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1990/13 and Add.1.

⁶⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1)*, chap. II, sect. A.

(a) To continue to update, subject to annual review, the list of banks, transnational corporations and other organizations assisting the racist and colonialist regime of South Africa, giving such details regarding enterprises listed as the Special Rapporteur may consider necessary and appropriate, including explanations of responses, if any, and to submit the updated report to the Commission through the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

(b) To use all available material from other United Nations organs, Member States, national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as other relevant sources in order to indicate the volume, nature and adverse human consequences of the assistance given to the racist regime of South Africa;

(c) To intensify direct contacts with the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the Centre Against Apartheid of the Secretariat, with a view to consolidating mutual cooperation in updating the report;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments:

(a) To cooperate with the Special Rapporteur in making the report even more accurate and informative;

(b) To disseminate the updated report and give its contents the widest possible publicity;

5. *Calls upon* all Governments and organizations to maintain sanctions against the racist regime of South Africa until the total dismantlement of the apartheid system, in conformity with the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989 and contained in the annex thereto;

6. *Invites* the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-third session and the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session to consider the updated report;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/84, to make available to the Special Rapporteur two economists to help him develop his analysis and documentation on specific cases of special importance;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all the assistance that he may require in the exercise of his mandate, with a view to intensifying direct contacts with the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the Centre Against Apartheid and to consolidating mutual cooperation in updating his report;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to bring the updated report of the Special Rapporteur to the attention of Governments whose national financial institutions continue to deal with the regime of South Africa, and to call upon them to provide the Special Rapporteur with any information or comments they may wish to present on the matter;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to contact the Government of South Africa with a view to enabling the Special Rapporteur to undertake a visit to South Africa on special mission within the perspective of the next update of his report;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to give the updated report of the Special Rapporteur the widest distribution and publicity as a United Nations publication.

*13th plenary meeting
31 May 1991*

1991/27. Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/41 of 5 March 1991,⁶¹

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the forty-eighth session of the Commission to consider the draft declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced or involuntary disappearances, prepared by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁶² with a view to its adoption by the Commission at its forty-eighth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all facilities to the working group for its meeting prior to the forty-eighth session of the Commission.

*13th plenary meeting
31 May 1991*

1991/28. Right to a fair trial

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights decision 1990/108 of 7 March 1990,⁶³ in which the Commission welcomed the decision of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint Mr. Stanislav Chernichenko and Mr. William Treat as rapporteurs to prepare a report on existing international norms and standards pertaining to the right to a fair trial, and taking note of Commission resolution 1991/43 of 5 March 1991,⁶¹

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 41/120 of 4 December 1986 on setting international standards in the field of human rights,

Taking into account the brief report on the right to a fair trial prepared by Mr. Chernichenko and Mr. Treat,⁶⁴

1. *Endorses* resolution 1990/18 of 30 August 1990, adopted by the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁶⁵ by which the Subcommittee decided to entrust Mr. Stanislav Chernichenko and Mr. William Treat with the preparation of a study entitled "The right to a fair trial: current recognition and measures necessary for its strengthen-

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, 1991, *Supplement No. 2* (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

⁶² E/CN.4/Sub.2/1990/32, annex.

⁶³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 2* and corrigendum (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. B.

⁶⁴ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1990/34

⁶⁵ See E/CN.4/1991/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1990/59 and Corr.1, chap. II, sect. A.