

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General submitted on the basis of its resolution 41/97,²⁴

1. Takes note of the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;²²

2. Calls once again upon all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to continue to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities, and to submit to the Secretary-General their views and proposals on the specific ways and means to implement fully the guidelines;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to promote intensively the inclusion of youth-related projects and activities in the programmes of the United Nations bodies and of the specialized agencies, specifically on such themes as communication, health, housing, culture, youth employment and education, and to monitor closely their implementation by using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as a focal point;

4. Urges, in this context, all Member States to take the necessary measures, in co-operation with United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to strengthen their focus on youth programmes and policies;

5. Stresses again the importance of the active and direct participation, in accordance with the right to freedom of association, of youth and youth organizations at all stages of implementation of the projects and activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of youth;

6. Invites Governments again to consider the regular inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings;

7. Emphasizes the importance of improving the active use of the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth organizations, at both the national and international levels;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth on the basis of the deliberations of the Commission for Social Development in February 1989 and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth";

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" and to review, in this framework, the implementation of the present resolution, on the basis of a substantive report of the Secretary-General, paying particular attention to paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

85th plenary meeting
30 November 1987

42/55. Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, as well as its resolution 41/99 of 4 December 1986,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of effective channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations as a necessary instrument for the information of young people and their participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels, and also for informing the United Nations of the problems facing youth with a view to finding solutions to such problems,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policies and programmes involving young people: Participation, Development, Peace", in particular the section dealing with the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,²⁵

Convinced that the effective and efficient functioning of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels forms a basic prerequisite for the adequate information of young people and their active involvement in the work of the United Nations,

Convinced also of the importance for youth and youth organizations of freedom of association, in accordance with the relevant national legislation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights² and other international human rights instruments, so as to enable them to participate in the United Nations system and to act effectively as channels of communication,

Convinced further that the participation of youth representatives from Member States in international conferences and meetings dealing with youth-related issues, wherever appropriate, can enhance and strengthen the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to finding solutions to problems confronting youth in the contemporary world,

Recognizing that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth²² provide a constructive framework for a long-term strategy in the field of youth,

Bearing in mind the important role that non-governmental youth organizations can play in co-operation with United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies in solving the problems of young people,

1. Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental and intergovernmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, not only in general terms but also by concrete measures that take into account the issues of importance to young people;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue in this respect to make use at the national, regional and international levels of the already existing structures of co-operation between youth and the United Nations system in accordance with the additional guidelines for the im-

²⁴ A/42/595.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, sect. VII.

provement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, contained in the annex to resolution 36/17, and to encourage other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to do the same;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to develop methods that specifically indicate how the channels of communication could efficiently be attuned to youth-related projects and activities of United Nations organs and of the specialized agencies, and to include in his report thereon to the General Assembly concrete suggestions for co-operation between the United Nations system and the non-governmental youth organizations;

4. *Calls upon* youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations by putting forth their proposals for co-operation with the United Nations system, and, where such mechanisms do not exist, recommends that national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year should similarly continue to act as channels of communication;

5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-third session the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General.

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42/56. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973, by which it adopted and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*, and its subsequent resolutions on the status of the Convention,

Reaffirming its conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, a gross violation of human rights and a crime against humanity, seriously threatening international peace and security,

Alarmed by the aggravation of the situation in South Africa, in particular the further escalation of ruthless repression by the Fascist-like *apartheid* régime,

Strongly condemning South Africa's continued policy of *apartheid* and its continued illegal occupation of Namibia, as well as its policy of aggression, State terrorism and destabilization against independent African States,

Mindful of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/II of 26 February 1987,²⁶ in which the Commission expressed its conviction that the crime of *apartheid* is a form of the crime of genocide,

Stressing that the racist *apartheid* régime is the root cause of the conflict in southern Africa and that as long as it exists there will be neither peace nor security for any country in the region nor early independence for Namibia and that it must, therefore, be eradicated,

Condemning the continued collaboration of certain States and transnational corporations with the racist

régime of South Africa in the political, economic, military and other fields as an encouragement to the intensification of its odious policy of *apartheid*,

Firmly convinced that the legitimate struggle of the oppressed peoples in southern Africa against *apartheid*, racism and colonialism and for the effective exercise of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence demands more than ever all necessary support by the international community and, in particular, further action by the Security Council in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Underlining that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and the implementation of its provisions without any delay are necessary for its effectiveness, and therefore will contribute to the eradication of the crime of *apartheid*,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*;²⁷

2. *Commends* those States parties to the Convention which have submitted their reports under article VII thereof;

3. *Appeals once again* to the States that have not yet done so to ratify or to accede to the Convention without further delay, in particular those States which have jurisdiction over transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia and without whose co-operation such operations cannot be halted;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Group of Three of the Commission on Human Rights, established in accordance with article IX of the Convention, and, in particular, of the conclusions and recommendations contained in that report;²⁸

5. *Draws the attention* of all States to the opinion expressed by the Group of Three in its report²⁹ that transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia must be considered accomplices in the crime of *apartheid*, in accordance with article III (b) of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to intensify, in co-operation with the Special Committee against *Apartheid*, its efforts to compile periodically the progressive list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States deemed responsible for crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention, as well as those against whom or which legal proceedings have been undertaken;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the above-mentioned list to all States parties to the Convention and to all Member States and to bring such facts to the attention of the public by all means of mass communication;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the States parties to the Convention, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide the Commission on Human Rights with relevant information concerning the forms of the crime of *apartheid*, as described in article II of the Convention, committed by transnational corporations operating in South Africa;

9. *Notes* the importance of measures to be taken by States parties in the field of teaching and education for fuller implementation of the Convention;

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 5 (E/1987/18 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.*

²⁷ A/42/449.

²⁸ E/CN.4/1987/28, sect. V.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. IV, para. 50.