

RESOLUTIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1987

1987/1. Commemoration of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 41/32 of 3 November 1986 on the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights,¹ in particular paragraph 2 thereof,

Aware of the importance of ensuring the universality of the Covenants by broadening accession to them,

Convinced that the implementation of the Covenants could contribute to the achievement of the goals and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to give appropriate consideration to the provisions of the International Covenants on Human Rights during its deliberations in 1987, with a view to continuing and strengthening measures aimed at the implementation, promotion and protection of the provisions of those instruments;

2. *Invites* its subsidiary organs to take appropriate measures to observe the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Covenants;

3. *Endorses* the appeal made by the General Assembly to all States that have not yet become parties to those instruments to do so, so that the Covenants acquire genuine universality, and to consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights¹ and making the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant;

4. *Also endorses* the appeal addressed to Governments to make the Covenants known as widely as possible;

5. *Reaffirms* its conviction that, to contribute to the realization of the purposes and to the implementation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, States should pursue policies directed towards the full implementation of the rights contained in those instruments;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange, within existing resources, for the dissemination of appropriate public information on the Covenants with a view to emphasizing their importance.

4th plenary meeting
6 February 1987

¹ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1987

1987/2. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the purpose set out in the Charter of the United Nations of achieving 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,

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly, in its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling also the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 38/14 to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade,

Reaffirming the plan of activities for the period 1985-1989, to be implemented by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/16 of 23 November 1984,

Conscious of the responsibilities conferred upon it by the General Assembly for co-ordinating and, in particular, evaluating the activities undertaken in the implemen-

tation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

Bearing in mind, in particular, its mandate under General Assembly resolution 41/94 of 4 December 1986 to submit an annual report 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,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 41/94, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1987, a report outlining a proposed plan of activities to be implemented during the second half (1990-1993) of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Having examined the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade.²

² E/1987/29 and Add.1 and 2; E/1987/31 and Add.1.

Having taken note of the observations and suggestions of the Secretary-General aimed at identifying the sectors within which activities might be undertaken during the second half of the Second Decade and of the reaction of certain United Nations bodies and organizations in that connection,

Emphasizing the need to ensure co-ordination of activities undertaken by various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies for the purpose of implementing the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

Noting that, despite the efforts of the international community, the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first years of the Second Decade have not attained their principal objectives and that millions of human beings continue to be victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Aware of the efforts of the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of migrant workers, including those from the developing countries,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of achieving the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a comprehensive and updated report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade and a revised report outlining a proposed plan of activities to be implemented during the second half (1990-1993) of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, taking into account the relevant comments and observations made during the deliberations of the Council;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to solicit observations, views and proposals of the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies concerned on the preparation of the draft plan of activities for 1990-1993 and to communicate them to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the Centre for Human Rights shall abide by the letter and spirit of the resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade;

5. *Reaffirms* the necessity of co-ordinating the full range of programmes being implemented by the United Nations system as they relate to the objectives of the Second Decade;

6. *Invites* all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate fully in the implementation of the plan of activities for the period 1985-1989;

7. *Commends* those Governments, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have intensified and expanded their efforts to ensure the rapid elimination of *apartheid* and all forms of racism and racial discrimination and urges them to redouble such efforts;

8. *Invites* all Governments to take or continue to take all necessary measures to combat all forms of racism and racial discrimination and to support the work of the Second Decade by making contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination to ensure further implementation of activities adopted for the Second Decade;

9. *Decides*, as a matter of priority, to give particular attention to the specific activities of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade that are directed towards the elimination of *apartheid*, in view of the present explosive situation in southern Africa;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his revised reports, to continue to pay special attention to the situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present, in his future annual reports to the Council on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, more detailed information on the relevant activities of all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

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1987/3. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 35/140 of 11 December 1980, 36/131 of 14 December 1981, 37/64 of 3 December 1982, 38/109 of 16 December 1983, 39/130 of 14 December 1984, 40/39 of 29 November 1985 and 41/108 of 4 December 1986, and Council resolutions 1983/1 of 17 May 1983, 1984/8 of 22 May 1984, 1984/10 of 24 May 1984, 1985/18 of 28 May 1985 and 1986/4 of 21 May 1986,

Aware of the important contribution that the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women³ can make to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and to achieving legal and *de facto* equality between women and men,

Noting the emphasis placed by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace on the ratification of and accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its sixth session,⁴ notably general recommendations 2, 3 and 4 of the Committee on ways and means of implementing article 21 of the Convention,

Noting the concern expressed by delegations during the first regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council that certain references to Islamic law as contained in the report of the Committee, in particular in paragraphs 511, 516 and 517, are inappropriate,

1. *Welcomes* the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimi-

³ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/42/38)