

assistance to the opponents of apartheid and the disadvantaged sectors of society in order to ensure the rapid and peaceful attainment of the objectives of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa;

7. *Requests* the international community to provide financial, material and human resources to South African women towards the establishment of special programmes and projects geared to women's integration and advancement at the present time and in post-apartheid South Africa;

8. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to consolidate the United Nations observer mission already deployed in South Africa to monitor and report on the unprecedented proportion of incidents of political and domestic violence directed against women and children from a variety of sources;

9. *Decides* that the Commission on the Status of Women should remain seized of the question of women and children living under apartheid;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*43rd plenary meeting  
27 July 1993*

#### **1993/14. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women<sup>18</sup> is the most important international human rights instrument for the promotion of equality between women and men,

*Welcoming* the growing number of States parties to the Convention, which now stands at one hundred and twenty,

*Noting with concern* that the Convention is still the human rights instrument with the most reservations, despite the fact that some States parties have withdrawn their reservations to it,

*Noting* the importance of the monitoring function of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, as demonstrated most recently by the Committee at its twelfth session, at which it adopted suggestion 4 on the World Conference on Human Rights and also adopted, in substance, and decided to place on the provisional agenda of its thirteenth session for final approval without discussion, a draft general recommendation on article 16 and related articles 9 and 15 of the Convention, which would be its contribution to the International Year of the Family,<sup>40</sup>

*Taking note* of General Assembly resolution 47/94 of 16 December 1992,

*Recalling* its resolution 1991/25 of 30 May 1991 and other General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions relating to support for the Committee,

*Noting* that the annual session of the Committee is the shortest of all the annual sessions of the human rights treaty bodies,

*Welcoming* the expressed intention of the Committee to strengthen the analysis of country reports provided to it,

1. *Supports* the request of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for additional meeting time for its future sessions, as granted for its twelfth and thirteenth sessions;

2. *Welcomes* suggestion 4 on the World Conference on Human Rights, adopted by the Committee at its twelfth session, and the draft general recommendation on article 16 and related articles 9 and 15 of the Convention, adopted, in substance, by the Committee at that session, both of which were submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-seventh session,<sup>41</sup> and encourages the Committee to continue its work in developing detailed general recommendations;

3. *Requests* States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to review regularly their reservations and make efforts to withdraw them in order to enable the full implementation of the Convention;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue to widely publicize the decisions and recommendations of the Committee.

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#### **1993/15. Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered with appreciation* the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the situation of Palestinian women in the occupied territory<sup>42</sup> and previous reports concerning the situation of Palestinian women inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territory,

*Recalling* the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>11</sup> in particular paragraph 260 thereof,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1992/16 of 30 July 1992 and its other relevant resolutions,

*Deeply concerned* about the additional suffering of women and children living under occupation,

*Expressing special concern* about the tragic situation of the Palestinian women in the occupied Palestinian territory, which has been dangerously deteriorating at all levels,

*Deeply alarmed* by the deteriorating situation of Palestinian women and children in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, as a result of the continued Israeli violation of Palestinian human rights and oppressive measures, including collective punishments, curfews, demolition of houses, closure of schools and universities, mass deportation, confiscation of land and settlement activities and denial of family unification, which are illegal and contrary to the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>43</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* that for Palestinian women, equality, self-reliance and integration in the national development plan can be achieved only through the termination of the Israeli occupation and the attainment of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people;

2. *Demands* that Israel, the occupying Power, accept the *de jure* applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of