

against the non-white population of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

Noting that the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia are finding support for the policy of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in the fact that a number of States are continuing to trade with them and are maintaining diplomatic, cultural and other ties and relations with them and affording them military assistance,

Convinced that the flagrant violations of human rights in southern Africa are of serious international concern and require urgent and effective action by the United Nations,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Commission on Human Rights under its resolution 7 (XXIII) of 16 March 1967²³ that the Government of South Africa be requested to repeal, amend and replace laws cited in paragraph 1547 of the Special Rapporteur's report;²⁴

2. *Considers* it essential that, in order to conform with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, the Government of South Africa should undertake to repeal, amend and replace the various discriminatory laws cited in paragraph 1547 of the Special Rapporteur's report;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to repeal, amend and replace the laws in force in South Africa referred to in paragraph 1 above and to report to the Secretary-General on the measures taken or envisaged in accordance with that paragraph;

4. *Urges* all States to encourage information media within their territories to publicize the evils of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and the inhuman acts practised by the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, as well as the aims and purposes of the United Nations and its efforts to eliminate these evils;

5. *Condemns* the actions of all those Governments which, in violation of United Nations resolutions, are continuing to maintain diplomatic, commercial, military, cultural and other relations with South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia;

6. *Calls upon* those Governments to break off such relations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to draw the widest possible public attention to the evils of these policies through the interested non-governmental organizations, trade unions, religious institutions, student and other organizations, as well as libraries and schools;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to keep under constant review the question of promoting co-ordination and co-operation in the activities of the specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations dealing with matters relating to *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to establish a United Nations information centre in South Africa with a view to disseminating the aims and purposes of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution, and in particu-

lar on the actions taken by the Government of South Africa to give effect to paragraph 3 above.

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19 December 1968.

2440 (XXIII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on the treatment of political prisoners in South Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1333 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968,

Recalling its resolution 2144 A (XXI) of 26 October 1966 on the question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of *apartheid*, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, and its resolution 2307 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa,

Gravely concerned at the evidence, in the report²⁵ of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of 6 March 1967 of the Commission on Human Rights,²⁶ of the intensification of inhuman practices by the Government of South Africa against the opponents of the policies of *apartheid*,

Determined to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and desirous of an urgent and immediate end to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in South Africa,

1. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle by the opponents of *apartheid* to realize their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Condemns* any and every practice of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees and prisoners in South African prisons and in South African police custody during interrogation and detention, as indicated in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa:

(a) To initiate investigations into the violations mentioned in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts with a view to establishing the degree of responsibility of the persons listed in appendix II to chapter VII of the report, for the purpose of punishing them accordingly;

(b) To afford the opportunity to all persons who have suffered damage to receive indemnification;

(c) To abolish the 180-day law and the Terrorism Act, under which opponents of the policies of *apartheid* are detained without charge or trial, as well as the Suppression of Communism Act, the Sabotage Act and similar laws, and also to refrain from incorporating the principles contained in these laws into other laws;

(d) To release immediately Mr. Robert Sobukwe;

(e) To release immediately all other political prisoners and all persons held for their opposition to the policies of *apartheid*, whether in prison or police detention;

²³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1)*, para. 376.

²⁴ E/CN.4/949/Add.4.

²⁵ E/CN.4/950.

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1)*, para. 268.

4. *Requests* Member States to encourage the giving of the maximum publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts within their territories;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to report to the Secretary-General on the measures taken or envisaged in accordance with paragraph 3 above;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take steps to draw the widest possible public attention to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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2441 (XXIII). International Year for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights,

Recalling also its resolutions 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966 and 2339 (XXII) of 18 December 1967,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the measures and activities undertaken by the Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and national and international organizations concerned in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights,²⁷

Believing that, despite the violations of human rights that have occurred and continue to occur during the International Year for Human Rights, many of these measures and activities have contributed to the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and national and international organizations concerned for their efforts and undertakings in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights, in particular in giving effect to the measures set out in the annexes to General Assembly resolutions 2081 (XX) and 2217 A (XXI);

2. *Further expresses its appreciation* to the Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and national and international organizations concerned that have kept the Secretary-General informed of their efforts and undertakings in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights and invites them to continue to supply as much relevant information as possible to the Secretary-General to enable him to prepare a final report on the International Year for Human Rights to be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 2339 (XXII);

3. *Invites* Member States to consider prolonging, after the end of the International Year for Human Rights and as appropriate, such activities undertaken during the International Year as would continue to be

helpful in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Considers* that the newsletter on the International Year for Human Rights prepared by the Secretary-General has been of value and requests the Secretary-General to continue to issue from time to time an appropriate bulletin containing information on the activities of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies in the field of human rights and a bibliography of United Nations documents and publications on that subject.

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2442 (XXIII). International Conference on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the International Year for Human Rights,

Noting with appreciation the Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights²⁸ held at Teheran from 22 April to 13 May 1968,

Convinced that the Conference made an important constructive contribution to the cause of human rights and that its results should be translated into effective action by States, the competent organs of the United Nations and its family of organizations, and other organizations concerned,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government and people of Iran for acting as hosts to the International Conference on Human Rights, for the excellent arrangements and for the hospitality extended to all participants;

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary of the Conference and the members of the Secretariat for effectively preparing and servicing the Conference;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the work of the Conference, which constitutes a solid foundation for further action and initiatives by the United Nations and other interested international bodies, as well as by the States and national organizations concerned;

4. *Confirms* the views of the Conference on the urgency of eliminating denials and violations of human rights;

5. *Endorses* the Proclamation of Teheran²⁹ as an important and timely reaffirmation of the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in other international instruments in the field of human rights;

6. *Calls upon* all States and organizations concerned to take further action with a view to the full realization of human rights in the light of the recommendations of the Conference;

7. *Urges* all States and organizations concerned to encourage and assist all media of mass communication in giving widespread publicity to the Proclamation of Teheran and the work of the Conference, as appropriate, and in lending support to the achievements, activities and concerns of the United Nations in the field of human rights;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit to the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies those resolutions or parts of resolutions of the Conference which interest them;

²⁷ A/7195 and Add.1-9.

²⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 3.