

I

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution :

“ *The General Assembly,*

“ *Recalling* its resolutions 1905 (XVIII) of 20 November 1963 and 2017 (XX) of 1 November 1965 on the subject of measures to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

“ *Recalling also* its resolution 2106 (XX) of 21 December 1965, in which it adopted and opened for signature the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

“ *Noting* the information in the report of the Secretary-General⁷² furnished in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1076 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 and General Assembly resolution 2017 (XX), on the action taken by Member States, the United Nations, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental regional organizations directed towards the implementation of the Declaration,

“ *Noting also* that a seminar on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination is to be held, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, in 1968,

“ *Noting further* that the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities is undertaking a special study on racial discrimination in the political, economic, social and cultural fields, and has already appointed a Special Rapporteur for that purpose,

“ *Reaffirming* that racial discrimination and *apartheid* are denials of human freedom and offences to human dignity,

“ *Recognizing* that racial discrimination and *apartheid*, wherever they are practised, constitute a serious impediment to economic and social development,

“ *Concerned* that racial discrimination and *apartheid*, despite the decisive condemnation of them by the United Nations, continue to exist in some countries and territories,

“ *Convinced* of the necessity for further measures to attain the goal of the complete elimination of all forms of racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

“ 1. *Condemns*, wherever they exist, all policies and practices of *apartheid*, racial discrimination and segregation, including the practices of discrimination inherent in colonialism ;

“ 2. *Reiterates* that such policies and practices on the part of any Member State are incompatible with the obligations assumed by it under the Charter of the United Nations ;

“ 3. *Calls again* upon all States in which racial discrimination or *apartheid* is practised to comply speedily and faithfully with the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the above-mentioned resolutions of the General Assembly, and to take all necessary steps, including legislative measures, for this purpose ;

“ 4. *Calls* upon all eligible States, without delay, to sign and ratify or to accede to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination ;

“ 5. *Recommends* to Member States that they initiate, where appropriate, programmes of action to eliminate racial discrimination and *apartheid*, including, in particular, the promotion of equal opportunities for educational and vocational training, and guarantees for the enjoyment, without distinction on the ground of race, colour, or ethnic origin, of basic human rights such as the rights to vote, to equality in the administration of justice, to equal economic opportunities and to equal access to social services ;

“ 6. *Affirms* the importance, in combating discriminatory practices, of education directed towards the removing of prejudices and erroneous beliefs which encourage such practices, such as the superiority of one race over another ;

“ 7. *Requests* the Member States which have not yet replied to the Secretary-General's inquiry as to the measures they have taken to implement the Declaration to do so without delay ” ;

II

1. *Decides* to include the question of measures taken in implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in the agenda of the forty-third session of the Council ;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, in time for consideration at its forty-third session, a further report on the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration ;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the General Assembly, when it examines, at its twenty-first session, questions relating to *apartheid* and measures for the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, shall have at its disposal the report of the seminar on *apartheid* to be held in August 1966 ;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to make available to the Council, at its forty-third session, the above-mentioned report of the seminar on *apartheid*.

*1441st plenary meeting,
2 August 1966.*

1157 (XLI). Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance

The Economic and Social Council,

Having taken note of resolution 1 (XXII) of the Commission on Human Rights⁷³ concerning the draft inter-

⁷³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/4184), para. 162.*

⁷² E/4174 and Add.1-5.

national convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to do its utmost to complete consideration of the above-mentioned draft international convention at its twenty-third session ;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to resolution 1 (XXII) of the Commission on Human Rights.

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*

1158 (XLI). Question of punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the part of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity,⁷⁴

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 170 (II) of 31 October 1947 on extradition and punishment of war criminals, and General Assembly resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 on affirmation of the principles of international law recognized by the Charter of the Nürnberg Tribunal,

Recalling resolution 3 (XXI) of the Commission on Human Rights, in which the Commission expresses the conviction that the prosecution of, and punishment for, war crimes and crimes against humanity would prevent others from committing similar crimes, protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, promote confidence among peoples, and contribute to international peace and security,

Recalling its resolution 1074 D (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965, in which it urged all States to continue their efforts to ensure that, in accordance with international law and national laws, the criminals responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity should be traced, apprehended and equitably punished by the competent courts,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the study "Question of the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity",⁷⁵

Considering that this study lends further support to the desirability of affirming, in international law, the principle that there is no period of limitation for war crimes and crimes against humanity,

Considering that the United Nations should take all possible action to affirm and implement such a principle of international law and to secure its universal application,

1. *Urges* all States to take any measures necessary to prevent the application of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity, and to continue

⁷⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

⁷⁵ E/CN.4/906.

their efforts to ensure the arrest, extradition and punishment of persons responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity, and to make available to other States any documents in their possession relating to such crimes ;

2. *Invites* all Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to inform the Secretary-General of the measures they have adopted in pursuance of paragraph 1 of this resolution, so that he may submit the report on those measures to the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-third session ;

3. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to prepare, at its twenty-third session, as a matter of priority, a draft convention to the effect that no statutory limitation shall apply to war crimes and crimes against humanity, irrespective of the date of their commission, for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session and for adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, and to consider and make any further recommendations it believes desirable with a view to developing international co-operation in the prosecution and punishment of those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity ;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a preliminary draft for such a Convention to assist the Commission on Human Rights in its task and also to carry out a study as regards ensuring the arrest, extradition and punishment of persons responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity and the exchange of documentation relating thereto.

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*

1159 (XLI). International Year for Human Rights: co-operation with regional intergovernmental bodies

The Economic and Social Council,

Desiring to make use of all possible information and experience to advance the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, colour or religion,

Recalling its resolution 48 (IV) of 29 March 1947, in which it provides for co-operation between the Commission on the Status of Women and regional intergovernmental bodies in the field of women's rights,

Invites the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the presence of observers, as appropriate, from the Council of Europe, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, and from other regional intergovernmental bodies particularly concerned for human rights, at sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and to arrange for the exchange of information between the Commission and these bodies on matters relating to human rights.

*1445th plenary meeting,
5 August 1966.*