

technology, and that emphasis should be laid on the transfer of operative technology to developing countries,

*Recognizing* that none of the existing United Nations bodies deals exclusively with the special question of the transfer of operative technology to developing countries,

1. *Recognizes* that the Advisory Committee has made a remarkable contribution to securing recognition of the role played by science and technology in development;

2. *Decides* that, at the forty-seventh session of the Council, a final decision should be made regarding the future institutional arrangements within the United Nations system relating to the field of science and technology, including the composition, duration and terms of reference of the Advisory Committee.

1602nd plenary meeting,  
6 June 1969.

## QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

### 1412 (XLVI). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

*The Economic and Social Council.*

*Recalling* its resolution 1216 (XLII) of 1 June 1967 by which it authorized the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>46</sup> to examine the allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa,

*Taking into account* its resolution 1302 (XLIV) of 28 May 1968 by which it condemned the infringements of trade union rights and the unlawful persecution of trade union workers in South Africa as a violation of the right to freedom of association and as a manifestation of the criminal policy of *apartheid*,

*Further recalling* that, in its resolution 1302 (XLIV), it requested the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, whose mandate was renewed by resolution 2 (XXIV) of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>47</sup> to examine the question of the continuing infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa and also to include in its examination the infringements of trade union rights by the illegal South African régime in Namibia, and further requested the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to carry out, in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation, similar examinations of the denial and infringements of trade union rights by the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia,

*Noting* that infringements of trade union rights continue unabated in the Republic of South Africa, in the rebellious colony of Southern Rhodesia and in the illegally occupied territory of Namibia,

*Gravely concerned* by the fact that these infringements of trade union rights in the above-mentioned territories are a direct outcome of the policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination pursued by the racist Government of South Africa and by the illegal régimes in Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and the report of the Committee on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation;<sup>48</sup>

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;<sup>49</sup>

3. *Once again calls upon* the Government of the

Republic of South Africa to conform to the generally accepted international standards pertaining to the right to freedom of association and to implement immediately the provisions of paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1302 (XLIV);

4. *Further calls upon* the Government of the Republic of South Africa:

(a) To repeal the Coloured Cadets Training Act, 1967;

(b) To permit trade unionists of all races without discrimination and regardless of whether they belong to registered or non-registered organizations in South Africa to benefit from the facilities offered by the major international trade unions as regards educational and other assistance in the trade union field;

(c) To facilitate the investigation by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the allegations which were brought to the attention of the Council by the Secretary-General;<sup>50</sup>

5. *Condemns* the Government of the Republic of South Africa for its continuing infringements of trade union rights in Namibia by its illegal occupation of the territory;

6. *Requests* the General Assembly to ensure the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1302 (XLIV) in Namibia, a territory under its direct jurisdiction and presently illegally occupied by the Republic of South Africa and also to abolish the South West Africa Native Labour Association (SWANLA) and enable freely constituted trade unions to be established as provided for in the relevant international instruments;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to declare expressly applicable to Namibia, a territory under the direct administration of the United Nations, the international standards on trade union rights currently in force;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the above paragraphs 6 and 7 to the attention of the respective organs of the United Nations;

9. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to intervene immediately in Southern Rhodesia with a view to, *inter alia*, checking further infringements of trade union rights in Southern Rhodesia, and to restore the basic rights of trade unions there to freedom of association;

10. *Further calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

(a) To abolish the Emergency Powers Act, 1960 enacted by the Government of the United Kingdom.

<sup>46</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322)*, para. 268.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4475)*, chap. XVIII.

<sup>48</sup> See E/4610, annex.

<sup>49</sup> E/4646.

<sup>50</sup> See E/4613.

the Emergency Powers (Amendment) Acts of 1966, 1967 and 1968, the Emergency Powers (Maintenance of Law and Order) Regulations, 1968 and other enactments, concerning trade unions, by the illegal racist, minority régime in Southern Rhodesia;

(b) To repeal the Industrial Conciliation Act, 1959 and enact new legislation ensuring the free exercise of trade union rights;

(c) To guarantee full trade union rights to the agricultural workers and domestic servants in Southern Rhodesia;

(d) To ensure the right of African trade unionists to hold meetings freely on their own premises without the need for prior authorization and without control by public authorities;

(e) To ensure that the 150 or more persons belonging to the trade union leadership in Southern Rhodesia and presently held in detention by the illegal racist minority régime there, are immediately released;

11. *Invites* the major international trade union organizations to continue and to intensify their efforts on behalf of trade unions and their members in the Republic of South Africa and in Southern Rhodesia and further invites the trade union internationals and international trade secretariats to do the same for the unions in their respective branches of industry;

12. *Requests* the international trade union organizations to cancel the affiliate status of, or refuse affiliation to, any trade union organization the affiliate of which in South Africa supports that régime, until that régime puts an end to its policy of *apartheid* and to its illegal occupation of Namibia;

13. *Invites* those international trade union organizations to continue to offer members of African and multi-racial trade unions from South Africa and Southern Rhodesia the benefit of their solidarity funds and calls on trade union movements throughout the world to intensify their propaganda and efforts for the promotion of trade union rights without discrimination in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia;

14. *Authorizes* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, established originally by resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights and whose mandate was more recently renewed by resolution 21 (XXV) of that Commission,<sup>51</sup> to continue its investigations into the infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia, in co-operation with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, and the International Labour Organisation, taking due account of the latter's primary responsibility in the matter of investigation in the rebel colony of Southern Rhodesia;

15. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to prepare and forward to the resumed forty-seventh session of the Council a comprehensive report on the position concerning the infringements of trade union rights in the Portuguese colonies in Africa, and decides to consider at that session the necessity of transmitting the report to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts for possible future consideration;

16. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to submit a preliminary report to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-eighth session and a report containing conclusions and recommendations to the Council at its fiftieth session in 1971;

17. *Authorizes* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to follow the procedure it has adopted in the past, as well as any other established procedure necessary, in order to carry out its tasks with maximum dispatch;

18. *Decides* to transmit the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts<sup>52</sup> to the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and recommends to the former to include the work of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts in its documents which are designed for wide informative dissemination;

19. *Further decides* to transmit the above report to the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies, and the regional bodies concerned, to give every assistance to and extend any facilities that may be required by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts in order to carry out its mandate;

21. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give the maximum publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, in co-operation with the Office of Public Information, the Unit on *Apartheid*, trade unions, non-governmental organizations, student, religious and other bodies;

22. *Requests* Member States to give wide publicity to the report in their national information media;

23. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on paragraph 21 above to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-eighth session;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available in the Division of Human Rights adequate personnel to deal with the work of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts.

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### **1394 (XLVI). Participation of women in social and economic life within the framework of technological progress**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that the advance of science and its technical applications open up great prospects for economic, social and cultural progress, and for improving standards of living,

*Considering* that scientific and technological progress creates many complex problems with regard to the utilization of human resources,

*Convinced* that the progress of mankind as a whole necessarily implies improving the status of women and that the complete development of a society demands the full participation of women, as well as of men, in all spheres of social life,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the International Labour Organisation Convention (No. 111) on Discrimination (Employment and Occupation), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Convention against Discrimination in Education, and other relevant resolutions and recommendations of United Nations organizations,

<sup>51</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session*, document E/4621, chap. XVIII.

<sup>52</sup> E/4646.