

1211 (XLII). Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends the following draft resolution to the General Assembly for consideration:

"The General Assembly,

"Considering the fact that in the Charter of the United Nations the nations expressed their determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small,

"Noting that concern has been expressed regarding recent manifestations of racial intolerance, including the revival of certain groups and organizations professing totalitarian ideologies such as nazism which may embitter relations between peoples and groups,

"Confirming that nazism is incompatible with the objectives of the Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and other international instruments.

"Recognizing that measures should be taken to halt nazi activities wherever they occur,

"1. Resolutely condemns any ideology, including nazism, which is based on racial intolerance and terror, as a gross violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

"2. Calls on all States to take immediate and effective measures against any such manifestations of nazism and racial intolerance."

*1470th plenary meeting,
29 May 1967.*

1216 (XLII). Allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered in accordance with its resolution 277 (X) of 17 February 1950 the question of the infringement of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa, which has been brought to its attention by the International Labour Office on the basis of a communication received from the World Federation of Trade Unions,³⁸

Endorsing the relevant principles affirmed by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office as set forth in the ninety-first report of its Committee on Freedom of Association,³⁹

1. Notes with appreciation the diligence with which the International Labour Office communicated to the Economic and Social Council the allegations of the World Federation of Trade Unions concerning the flagrant violations of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa;

2. Supports fully the principles underlying the findings and recommendations of the Governing Body of

³⁸ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/4305.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, annex I.

the International Labour Office annexed to the note of the Secretary-General,⁴⁰ and their application to the allegations contained in the complaint submitted by the World Federation of Trade Unions;

3. Condemns the infringement of trade union rights and the unlawful prosecution, contrary to generally accepted international standards and incompatible with the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, of trade union workers reflected in the legislation and practices of the Republic of South Africa as a violation of the right to freedom of association, and as a manifestation of the criminal policy of apartheid;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit a copy of the communication received from the Director-General of the International Labour Office regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa to the Government of that Republic, with a request for an urgent reply and comments thereon not later than the end of June 1967;

5. Decides to transmit the communication received from the Director-General of the International Labour Office and the comments thereon, if any, received from the Government of the Republic of South Africa to the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts which was established by resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights,⁴¹ to investigate charges of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners, detainees or persons in police custody in the Republic of South Africa;

6. Authorizes the Ad Hoc Working Group to receive communications and hear witnesses, as necessary, and to consider the comments received from the Government of the Republic of South Africa on the communication received from the Director-General of the International Labour Office in its examination of the allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa;

7. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to report to the Economic and Social Council at the earliest possible date on its findings and to submit its recommendations for action to be taken in specific cases;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office;

9. Suggests to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office that it keep this question on its agenda for periodic review and that it inform the Council of its deliberations;

10. Decides to transmit the accusations contained in the complaint by the World Federation of Trade Unions to the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa for its information.

*1473rd plenary meeting,
1 June 1967.*

1230 (XLII). Periodic reports on human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965, which established a revised system of periodic reports on human rights,

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, annex I, para. 13.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1), para. 268.