

ventions, or which the State concerned wishes to submit to other procedures in accordance with general or special international agreements to which it is a party.

7. *Decides* that if the Commission on Human Rights appoints an *ad hoc* committee to carry on an investigation with the consent of the State concerned:

(a) The composition of the committee shall be determined by the Commission. The members of the committee shall be independent persons whose competence and impartiality is beyond question. Their appointment shall be subject to the consent of the Government concerned;

(b) The committee shall establish its own rules of procedure. It shall be subject to the quorum rule. It shall have authority to receive communications and hear witnesses, as necessary. The investigation shall be conducted in co-operation with the Government concerned;

(c) The committee's procedure shall be confidential, its proceedings shall be conducted in private meetings and its communications shall not be publicized in any way;

(d) The committee shall strive for friendly solutions before, during and even after the investigation;

(e) The committee shall report to the Commission on Human Rights with such observations and suggestions as it may deem appropriate;

8. *Decides* that all actions envisaged in the implementation of the present resolution by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities or the Commission on Human Rights shall remain confidential until such time as the Commission may decide to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Decides* to authorize the Secretary-General to provide all facilities which may be required to carry out the present resolution, making use of the existing staff of the Division of Human Rights of the United Nations Secretariat;

10. *Decides* that the procedure set out in the present resolution for dealing with communications relating to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms should be reviewed if any new organ entitled to deal with such communications should be established within the United Nations or by international agreement.

*1693rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1970.*

1504 (XLVIII). Report of the Commission on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its twenty-sixth session.²⁹

*1693rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1970.*

²⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/4816).*

1505 (XLVIII). Activities arising out of the decisions taken by the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-sixth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the statement of financial implications prepared by the Secretary-General³⁰ on the decisions taken by the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-sixth session,

1. *Decides* that the activities arising out of the decisions taken by the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-sixth session in resolutions 8 (XXVI) and 10 (XXVI)³¹ should be undertaken in 1970, in conformity with the relevant decisions of the Commission, bearing in mind the necessity to effect the maximum savings when allocating funds;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to inform the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the Council, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 1 above, considers the relevant programmes and expenditures to be of an urgent nature.

*1693rd plenary meeting,
27 May 1970.*

1506 (XLVIII). Periodic reports on human rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 13 (XXVI) of the Commission on Human Rights,³²

Authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports on Human Rights, notwithstanding the provisions of resolution 1074 C (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 of the Council, to submit its report to the Commission on Human Rights within one year following the receipt of the reports referred to in paragraph 6 of resolution 1074 C (XXXIX).

*1693rd plenary meeting,
17 May 1970.*

1509 (XLVIII). Allegations regarding infringements of trade-union rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1412 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969 in which it, *inter alia*, authorized the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to continue its investigations into the infringements of trade-union rights in the Republic of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

Also recalling that the Council had in the same resolution, *inter alia*, requested the International Labour Organisation to prepare and forward to it a comprehensive report on the position concerning the infringements of trade-union rights in the Portuguese colonies in Africa,

³⁰ E/4816/Add.1.

³¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 5, (E/4816) chap. XXIII.*

³² *Ibid.*