

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.*

Having received the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts³³ and the report requested from the International Labour Organisation,³⁴

1. Welcomes the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and looks forward to their report, containing conclusions and recommendations to the Council at its fiftieth session in 1971;

2. Thanks the International Labour Organisation for preparing and forwarding its report to the Council,

3. Endorses the conclusions of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts contained in chapter VII, paragraphs 122-138, of its report;

4. Condemns the continuing suppression of trade-union rights in southern Africa and calls for an end to this suppression and the immediate and unconditional release of all persons imprisoned for their trade-union activities;

5. Authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, while carrying out the mandate entrusted to it by the Council in resolution 1412 (XLVI), and in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation, other concerned specialized agencies and the major international trade-union organizations, to investigate the conditions of:

(a) The African producers of primary products in the Portuguese colonies in Africa;

(b) The sector of unorganized labour such as farm labour in the Portuguese colonies in Africa;

(c) Workers from Mozambique and Angola who are or have been employed in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia;

6. Further authorizes the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, again in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation, other concerned specialized agencies and the major international trade-union organizations, to investigate the factors leading to discrimination in the social field in the areas specified in paragraph 5 above;

7. Requests the Secretary-General and the regional bodies concerned to continue 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;

8. Decides to transmit the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the various United Nations organs mentioned in paragraph 18 of Council resolution 1412 (XLVI);

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to give the maximum publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, through the Office of Public Information and the Unit on *Apartheid*, and in co-operation with trade unions, non-governmental organizations, student, religious and other bodies, and requests him to report on this to the Economic and Social Council at its fiftieth session.

1694th plenary meeting,
28 May 1970.

1510 (XLVIII). Employment of qualified women in senior and other professional positions by the secretariats of organizations in the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council

³³ E/4791.

³⁴ See E/4819.

Transmits to the General Assembly the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

“Recalling Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

“Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,³⁵

“Recalling further the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women,³⁶

“1. Expresses the hope that the United Nations, including its special bodies and all intergovernmental agencies of the United Nations family of organizations, will set an example with regard to the opportunities they afford for the employment of women at senior and other professional levels;

“2. Urges the United Nations, including its special bodies and all intergovernmental agencies of the United Nations family of organizations, to take or continue to take appropriate measures to ensure equal opportunities for the employment of qualified women in senior and other professional positions;

“3. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the report he submits to the General Assembly on the composition of the Secretariat data on the employment of women in senior and other professional levels by the secretariats of the above-mentioned bodies, including their numbers and the positions occupied.”

1694th plenary meeting,
28 May 1970.

1511 (XLVIII). Programme of concerted international action for the advancement of women

The Economic and Social Council

Invites the General Assembly to adopt the following draft resolution:

“The General Assembly,

“Recalling its resolution 1777 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 initiating the study of a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

“Recalling also the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women adopted on 7 November 1967,³⁷ and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development adopted on 11 December 1969,³⁸

“Noting resolution IX of the International Conference on Human Rights,³⁹ held in Teheran in 1968, on measures to promote women's rights in the modern world, including a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women which established guidelines for such a programme,

“Noting also that in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2571 (XXIV) of 13 December 1969 arrangements should be made ‘to keep

³⁵ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

³⁶ General Assembly resolution 2263 (XXII).

³⁷ *Ibid.*

³⁸ See General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV).

³⁹ See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2) p. 10.