

Noting the decision of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>117</sup> to defer consideration of its agenda items concerning crime prevention and control and the question of an international code of police ethics from the twenty-ninth to the thirtieth session,

Noting further that the Commission on Human Rights has been unable for many years to consider the agenda item on an international code of police ethics,

Mindful of the need to ensure proper co-ordination of those aspects of the United Nations work on crime prevention and control which are of interest both to the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

1. Invites the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to consider the possibility of including in its work programme the question of preparing an international code of police ethics and to transmit its recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights, at an appropriate future session, of the desirability, scope and possible content of an international code of police ethics;

2. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of the preparation of an international code of police ethics, at an appropriate future session, on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

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#### 1795 (LIV). 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-ninth session.<sup>118</sup>

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#### 1796 (LIV). Question of the absence and gross infringements of trade union rights

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1216 (XLII) of 1 June 1967, 1302 (XLIV) of 28 May 1968, 1412 (XLVI) of 6 June 1969, 1509 (XLVIII) of 28 May 1970 and 1599 (L) of 21 May 1971,

Having examined the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights<sup>119</sup> prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1599 (L),

Gravely concerned at the absence and gross infringements of trade union rights in Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the African Territories under Portuguese domination,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the work done by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and takes note of its conclusions and recommendations;

<sup>117</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX.

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265).

<sup>119</sup> E/5245.

### I. NAMIBIA

2. *Strongly condemns* the detention without trial of striking African workers in Ovamboland and their forcible return to the reserves, and calls for their immediate and unconditional release;

3. *Notes with concern* the continued absence of a trade union system in Namibia;

4. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to study ways and means by which the trade union rights for the people of Namibia should be ensured;

### II. SOUTHERN RHODESIA

5. *Condemns* the existence of the so-called transit camps for recruitment of forced labour, the practice of segregation and reservation in employment between black and white workers and the importation of white immigrant workers into Southern Rhodesia to perform jobs that could be done by the people of Zimbabwe;

6. *Also condemns* the discriminatory treatment of the African workers in Southern Rhodesia causing increasing unemployment among African workers;

7. *Notes with deep concern* the gradual withdrawal of the limited trade union rights in Southern Rhodesia;

8. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to continue to study and review the conditions of work of black labour in Southern Rhodesia;

### III. AFRICAN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION

9. *Notes with deep concern* the existence of a form of forced labour and the discriminatory hierarchy of labour codes in Angola and Mozambique;

10. *Condemns* the existence of transit centres and other similar camps for the African workers, as well as the conditions prevailing in these camps;

11. *Recommends* that, as the objectives of the various conventions of the International Labour Organisation have not been fully attained, that Organisation should consider all possible means for strengthening the implementation by Portugal of the conventions to which it is a party;

12. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to continue to monitor the system of recruitment of African workers, as well as the disparities in wages between black and white workers in South Africa, Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the African Territories under Portuguese domination, and to report to the Economic and Social Council not later than at its fifty-eighth session;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the attention of the Governments of Member States, the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Security Council;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution and the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to the General Assembly.

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