

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 to 22 of the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations<sup>135</sup> regarding, *inter alia*, co-ordination and liaison within the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system and the emphasis on developing relations at the regional and national levels, including field-level activities and mobilization of public opinion and political will, in favour of United Nations efforts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate action as outlined in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediate action regarding subparagraph 4 of paragraph 16 of the report which calls for arrangements to be made for the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee on Review and Appraisal, to receive the substantive contributions which certain non-governmental organizations can make to the development process;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the exploration called for in the report so that definite progress may be reported by him, as requested in paragraph 17 of the report;

5. *Invites* the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take account in their activities of the relevant recommendations on field-level operations and to submit appropriate information to the Economic and Social Council as soon as feasible;

6. *Commends* to Governments the desirability of taking into account the practical contributions as well as the experiences and expertise of their national non-governmental organizations, when drawing up their country programmes for economic and social development and their project proposals for United Nations system assistance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to the attention of Governments and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and requests the aforementioned to give all possible assistance to the Secretary-General in his study of the subject.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

**1740 (LIV). Contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to explore ways of associating non-governmental organizations more

<sup>135</sup> E/5257 and Add.1.

fully with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Having examined* the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,<sup>136</sup>

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraph 25 of the report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study this question on the lines indicated in paragraph 25 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations especially concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this important exploration;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the collaboration between 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 the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in this endeavour and recommends a strengthening of this collaboration;

5. *Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to remain seized of this question and to continue to explore ways of engaging non-governmental organizations actively in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report as appropriate to the Economic and Social Council.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

**1741 (LIV). Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Having considered* the progress report<sup>136</sup> prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972, and the statement<sup>137</sup> made on behalf of the High Commissioner,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the continuing efforts of the Government of the Sudan to achieve a peaceful and lasting settlement in the southern part of the country;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the efficient manner in which he has been co-ordinating the relief, resettlement and rehabilitation operations in Southern Sudan;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those organizations within the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations, and individual Governments which responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees for providing

<sup>136</sup> E/5261.

<sup>137</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.470.