

ments, large segments of humanity continue to live in conditions of dire poverty and there continues to be a great need for economic and social development at an accelerated pace to achieve justice and equity commensurate with the dignity and worth of the human person,

Firmly convinced that the atmosphere of *détente*, peaceful coexistence and friendly co-operation between States will and should promote conditions for social progress and the safeguarding of fundamental human, economic, social and cultural rights,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Manouchehr Ganji, for his comprehensive and useful study;

2. *Affirms its conviction* that early realization of economic, social and cultural rights can be achieved only if all countries and peoples are able to attain an adequate level of economic growth and social development and if all countries institute all necessary measures with a view to eliminating inequality in income distribution and social services in accordance with the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Draws the attention* of all States and organizations of the United Nations system and other inter-governmental organizations to the aforesaid report and, in particular, to the revised observations, conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur, with a view to more intensive efforts being undertaken at the national, regional and international levels on the formulation of standards, norms and indicators, as instruments of developmental policy and planning, and on ways of measuring the realization of economic, social and cultural rights;

4. *Requests* the Committee on Development Planning, the Commission for Social Development and the Committee on Review and Appraisal to give due attention during the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy to early realization of economic, social and cultural rights in the process of development, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give wide publicity, by publication, to the report of the Special Rapporteur;

6. *Invites* States and specialized agencies to submit in-depth periodic reports on the realization and enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights to enable the Secretary-General to submit them to the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Periodic Reports of the Commission on Human Rights;

7. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to review this matter and to keep the Economic and Social Council periodically informed of the implementation of this resolution.

*1899th plenary meeting
17 May 1974*

1868 (LVI). Activities of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 7 (XXX) of 1 March 1974,⁴⁷

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464)*, chap. XIX.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, whereby the Assembly designated the ten-year period beginning on 10 December 1973 as the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Convinced that the objective inquiries carried out by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts concerning the violation of human rights in southern Africa and in the Territories under Portuguese domination, particularly with regard to the policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination, are an important addition to the unflagging efforts of the United Nations to eliminate such policies and constitute a significant contribution to the fulfilment of the aims of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Aware of the necessity of ensuring that the inquiries of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts concerning the policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in South Africa, Namibia, Southern Rhodesia and the Territories under Portuguese domination are carried out with the desired unity and continuity,

1. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts to remain active and vigilant at all times and to report to the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-first session, on any events constituting serious violations of human rights and requiring urgent investigation that may occur in South Africa, Namibia, Southern Rhodesia or the Territories under Portuguese domination;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to the mandate and activities of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, emphasizing that the Group is available to undertake any inquiries which the General Assembly may desire to assign to it in the above-mentioned context and to maintain appropriate collaboration with the bodies concerned;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts with the financial and technical assistance necessary for the accomplishment of its task.

*1899th plenary meeting
17 May 1974*

1869 (LVI). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXX) of 4 March 1974⁴⁸ and the interim report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts,⁴⁹

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and various international instruments bearing on human rights,

Convinced of the imperative need for all States to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Conscious that colonialism, racial discrimination, segregation and the policy of *apartheid* constitute grave violations of human rights as well as pose a threat to world peace and security,

Deeply outraged by the continued indignities and other inhuman treatment being inflicted on the peoples in southern Africa,

Shocked by the barbaric treatment meted out to captured freedom fighters,

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*

⁴⁹ E/CN.4/1135.