

“(h) Reviewing internal laws and regulations with a view to identifying and rescinding those which provide for, give rise to, or inspire racial discrimination or *apartheid*;

“(i) Complying, when due, with the provisions of paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade, which call for Governments to forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme for the Decade, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General;

“(j) Educating in particular youth in the spirit of equality and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

“4. Urges Member States which are parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to continue to comply fully with their obligations under that Convention and, in particular, to submit their reports within the timetable laid down under article 9;

“5. Urges also United Nations organs and bodies, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure the continuation of their activities related to the Decade with emphasis on, *inter alia*:

“(a) Providing moral and material support to the national liberation movements and victims of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

“(b) Assisting and conducting vigorous education and information campaigns to dispel racial prejudice and to involve public opinion in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination;

“(c) Examining the socio-economic and colonial roots of racism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination with a view to eliminating them;

“6. Requests national sports federations of Member States to refuse systematically to participate in all sports or other activities together with the representatives of the racist régime of South Africa;

“7. Welcomes any contributions and suggestions related to the Programme for the Decade by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

“8. Requests the Secretary-General to draw on the expertise of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination while undertaking the relevant activities of the Decade;

“9. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report containing proposals to implement efficiently paragraph 17 of the Programme for the Decade which calls for the establishment of an international fund on a voluntary basis;

“10. Expresses the hope that adequate resources will be made available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade;

“11. Decides to consider at its thirty-first session, as a matter of high priority, the question entitled ‘Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination’.”

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6 May 1975*

B

WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, by which the Assembly adopted the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Mindful that the convening of a world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination as a major feature of the Decade will contribute to the realization of the policy measures and goals of the Decade,

Noting with appreciation that the Government of Ghana has offered to act as host to the world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination,⁸⁸

1. Welcomes with appreciation the offer of the Government of Ghana to act as host to the world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination and accepts the offer in principle;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“The General Assembly,

“Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1938 B (LVIII) of 6 May 1975,

“1. Notes with appreciation the offer of the Government of Ghana to act as host to the world conference envisaged as a major feature of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

“2. Requests the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with the Government of Ghana on arrangements for holding the conference as well as the nature of the financial contribution that the Government of Ghana will be capable of making with regard to its offer;

“3. Requests further that the Secretary-General submit a report on his consultations in this regard to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session to enable the Council to advise the General Assembly on this matter.”

*1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975*

1939 (LVIII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 5 (XXXI) of 14 February 1975,⁸⁹

1. Approves the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights to extend the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts, as proposed in the aforementioned resolution of the Commission and within the terms of that resolution;

2. Endorses the view that the policy of *apartheid* and racial discrimination of the Government of South Africa is a flagrant violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitutes a serious violation of the obligations flowing from the status of a Member of the United Nations;

⁸⁸ E/5637, para. 30.

⁸⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII.*

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give full publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts⁹⁰ and to extend to the Group all the necessary assistance to enable it to fulfil its mandate.

*1948th plenary meeting
6 May 1975*

1940 (LVIII). Representation of the Commission on Human Rights at the World Conference of the International Women's Year

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting Commission on Human Rights resolution 9 (XXXI) of 3 March 1975,⁹¹

Considering the close co-operation that exists between the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women, and that in all its work the Commission on Human Rights has constantly borne in mind the enjoyment of equal rights by men and women,

Knowing that there are restraints on the enjoyment of human rights by women in many parts of the world,

⁹⁰ E/CN.4/1159.

⁹¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII.*

Believing that the World Conference of the International Women's Year, to be held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, will focus world attention on these restraints and that, in its deliberations and conclusions, the Conference will suggest positive measures not only to remove such restraints but to further enhance the enjoyment of human rights by all,

Recognizing that it is important for the Commission on Human Rights to be in close touch with these deliberations and conclusions,

Designates Mrs. Rajan Nehru to attend, on behalf of the Commission on Human Rights, the World Conference of the International Women's Year.

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1941 (LVIII). 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 thirty-first session.⁹²

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⁹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635).

DECISIONS

76 (LVIII). Report of the Commission for Social Development

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its twenty-fourth session.⁹³

77 (LVIII). Contribution made by the co-operative movement to the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the contribution made by the co-operative movement to the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade.⁹⁴

78 (LVIII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council endorsed the recommendations made by the Commission on Human Rights in paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of its resolution 5 (XXXI)⁹⁵ and, consequently, decided:

(a) To request the Secretary-General to appeal to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia to establish appropriate collaboration with the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;

⁹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (E/5617).

⁹⁴ E/5597.

⁹⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII, sect. A.*

(b) To request the General Assembly to make arrangements for adequate and sufficient financial resources and staff to be provided to the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts in order to enable it to carry out its mandate;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to give wide publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts.⁹⁶

79 (LVIII). Study of situations that reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council:

(a) Decided to request the Secretary-General to furnish the monthly list of communications forwarded to members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under paragraph 4 (a) of Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 also to the members of the Commission on Human Rights every month;

(b) Approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights⁹⁷ to set up a working group to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

80 (LVIII). Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

At its 1948th meeting, on 6 May 1975, the Council approved the decision of the Commission on Human

⁹⁶ E/CN.4/1159.

⁹⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5635), chap. XXIII, sect. B, decision 7 (XXXI).*