

10. *Appeals* to States to include, if possible, in their delegations to the relevant sessions of the Economic and Social Council, members competent in the subject-matters under consideration;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all steps to ensure the effective performance by the Economic and Social Council of its responsibilities under the Covenant.

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#### 1989 (LX). Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Convinced* that effective implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination would promote human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>34</sup> submitted to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit those reports, together with a report containing information received by him on activities undertaken or contemplated in connexion with the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination which would supplement the information on the subject submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session, and the summary records of the Council's discussion, to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption by the General Assembly and other United Nations organs and organizations, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, of resolutions and/or measures bearing on racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, decolonization and self-determination called for under the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. *Welcomes* in particular Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) of 30 January 1976, 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, 387 (1976) of 31 March 1976 and 388 (1976) of 6 April 1976, in which the Council, *inter alia*:

(a) *Condemned* the continued illegal occupation of the Territory of Namibia by South Africa;

(b) *Demanded* again that South Africa abolish its application of racially discriminatory and repressive laws and practices in Namibia;

(c) *Reaffirmed* that the present situation in Southern Rhodesia constitutes a threat to international peace and security, and expanded the sanctions against the racist

régime under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

(d) *Appealed* to all States as well as to the organizations of the United Nations system to provide all possible assistance to the People's Republic of Mozambique;

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

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, in which it reaffirmed its resolve to achieve the total and unconditional elimination of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*"Reaffirming* that the policies of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* are flagrant violations of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitute serious violations of the obligations of the States Members of the United Nations under the Charter,

*"Bearing in mind* the vital importance of establishing a new international economic order based on justice and equality,

*"Noting* that the realization of the national independence of the People's Republic of Angola and the courageous action of the People's Republic of Mozambique in applying fully the United Nations system of sanctions against the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia have contributed to the growing isolation of the racist régime in South Africa,

*"Realizing* the serious threat to international peace and security resulting from the continued defiance of the racist régimes in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia of the resolutions and the will of the international community in relation to the abhorrent policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and the continued illegal occupation of Namibia and the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination,

*"Convinced* that the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination is a major undertaking in the fight against racial discrimination which deserves the full support of all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

"1. *Condemns* the intolerable conditions which continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination and the inhumane and odious application of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

"2. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of oppressed peoples to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, colonialism and alien domination;

"3. *Calls upon* all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to offer all possible assistance to the People's Republic of Angola, the People's Republic of Mozambique and the African countries surrounding the racist régimes in southern Africa, so that they may continue applying fully the sanctions against these régimes;

"4. *Urges* all States to co-operate loyally and fully in achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade for

<sup>34</sup> E/5759 and Add.1, E/5760 and Add.1, E/5763.

Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by taking actions and measures called for in the Programme for the Decade on the national, regional and international levels, and in particular:

“(a) To ensure immediate termination of all measures and policies, as well as military, nuclear, economic and other activities, which enable racist régimes in southern Africa to continue the repression of the African people;

“(b) To provide full support and assistance, morally and materially, to the peoples which are victims of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and to the liberation movements;

“(c) To cease immigration into South Africa;

“(d) To ensure the release of political prisoners in South Africa and of those subjected to restrictions for their opposition to *apartheid*;

“(e) To formulate and execute plans to realize the policy measures and goals contained in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and to consider the advisability of establishing national arrangements to follow up the implementation of the Programme for the Decade;

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

“(g) To ensure the cessation of all discriminatory measures against migrant workers and extend to them treatment equal to that provided for nationals of the host country with regard to human rights and the provisions of their labour legislation;

“(h) To sign and ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>35</sup> the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*<sup>36</sup> and all other relevant instruments;

“5. Also urges Member States which are parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention and, in particular, to submit their reports in accordance with the time-table laid down in article 9 thereof;

“6. Further urges United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure the continuation of their activities related to the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, with emphasis on, *inter alia*:

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

“(b) Assisting and conducting vigorous educational 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;

<sup>35</sup> General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

<sup>36</sup> General Assembly resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973.

“7. Appeals to Member States which have not yet done so to forward the reports called for under paragraph 18 (e) of the annex to its resolution 3057 (XXVIII), containing the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

“8. Welcomes any contributions and suggestions related to the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee against *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 Commission on Human Rights, its *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, especially with regard to the preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

“9. Requests the Secretary-General to draw on the expertise of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities while undertaking the relevant activities of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

“10. Reiterates the call in paragraph 18 (g) of the annex to its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) to make adequate resources available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

“11. Appeals to Governments and private organizations to make voluntary contributions which would make it possible to carry out all of the activities provided for in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

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

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#### 1990 (LX). World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1938 B (LVIII) of 6 May 1975,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report,<sup>37</sup>

Noting the communication<sup>38</sup> in which the Government of Ghana reiterated its offer to act as host to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Noting also that, on account of the heavy expenditure to be met, the Government of Ghana has requested that the United Nations defray half of the additional cost involved in holding the Conference at Accra,

Recognizing the fact that although Ghana is one of the countries most seriously affected by the current world economic crisis, the Government of Ghana has committed

<sup>37</sup> E/5763.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 15.