

provisions of paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"5. *Calls once again upon* all Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such enterprises;

"6. *Urges* United Nations organs, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in particular by:

"(a) Intensifying their educational and informational campaigns;

"(b) Increasing their material and moral support to the national liberation movements and the victims of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

"(c) Offering all assistance to and co-operating with the Secretary-General to ensure the success of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to do his utmost to give the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination the fullest publicity, having regard to the need to focus international attention on the struggle against racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

"8. *Renews* its call for adequate resources to be made available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under paragraph 18 (g) of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"9. *Appeals* once again to Governments and private organizations to make voluntary contributions in support of the activities envisaged in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"10. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-third session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

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12 May 1977

## 2057 (LXII). World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and its own resolution 1990 (LX) of 11 May 1976,

*Recalling also* its decision 206 (ORG-77) of 14 January 1977 and its resolution 2046 (S-III) of 23 February 1977,

*Having considered* the report of its Preparatory Subcommittee for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>17</sup>

1. *Approves* the draft provisional agenda and the draft provisional rules of procedure<sup>18</sup> for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, at the earliest possible time, after consultation with regional groups, a Secretary-General of the Conference and further requests that such an appointment be made at the level of Assistant Secretary-General, in order to ensure the appropriate capacity for co-ordination and interaction with Member States and within the United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that invitations to participate in the Conference be extended to:

(a) All States;

(b) The United Nations Council for Namibia in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/149 of 20 December 1976;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the following be invited to participate as observers:

(a) Representatives of national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(c) The specialized agencies concerned as well as interested organs and bodies of the United Nations;

(d) Interested intergovernmental organizations;

(e) The Special Committee against *Apartheid*;

(f) The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

(g) The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

(h) The Commission on Human Rights;

(i) Other interested committees of the United Nations;

(j) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council on the basis of a recommendation to be made by the Council to the General Assembly;

5. *Recommends* to the General Assembly to include Arabic as a language of the Conference;

6. *Decides* that the documentation for the Conference shall include pre-session and in-session documents as indicated in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take appropriate steps for the timely preparation of all the necessary documentation and to make the same available at least six weeks before the commencement of the Conference;

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, annexes I and II.

<sup>17</sup> E/5922.

8. *Recommends* that the Conference be held in Geneva or New York or any other place which may be suggested by and accepted from, any Government that may subsequently offer to act as host to it;

9. *Recommends further* that the duration of the Conference should be two weeks, from 14 to 25 August 1978, this date being subject to adjustment if an offer is received and accepted from a Government to act as host to the Conference;

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

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 31/78 of 13 December 1976 in which it affirmed its total abhorrence of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* and resolved to achieve their total elimination,

*"Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 2057 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, including the annex thereto in relation to the preparation of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*"Taking note* of the communication dated 4 February 1977 from the Government of Ghana to the Secretary-General,<sup>19</sup>

*"1. Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 2057 (LXII), including the annex thereto;

*"2. Regrets* the circumstances which led to the withdrawal by the Government of Ghana of its offer to act as host to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and expresses its appreciation to Ghana for its co-operation;

*"3. Decides* to convene the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination at \_\_\_\_\_ from 14 to 25 August 1978;

*"4. Requests* the Secretary-General to invite as participants in the Conference:

*"(a) All States;*

*"(b) The United Nations Council for Namibia in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/149 of 20 December 1976;*

*"5. Requests* the Secretary-General to invite as observers:

*"(a) Representatives* of national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

*"(b) Representatives* of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

*"(c) The specialized agencies* concerned as well as interested organs and bodies of the United Nations;

*"(d) Interested intergovernmental organizations;*

*"(e) The Special Committee against Apartheid;*

*"(f) The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;*

*"(g) The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;*

*"(h) The Commission on Human Rights;*

*"(i) Other interested committees of the United Nations;*

*"(j) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as indicated in the annex to the present resolution;<sup>20</sup>*

*"6. Authorizes* the allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of the costs involved in holding the Conference;

*"7. Decides* to include Arabic as a language of the Conference;

*"8. Requests* the Secretary-General, as part of the preparatory process, to take adequate steps to ensure that maximum publicity shall be given to the Conference and, to that end, to allocate the necessary resources from the regular budget;

*"9. Calls upon* all States to contribute to the success of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, in particular by their active participation in the Conference;

*"10. Urges* all States to co-operate with the Secretary-General of the Conference in the preparation of the Conference;

*"11. Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its thirty-third session on the work of the Conference;

*"12. Decides* to consider at its thirty-third session as a matter of high priority an item entitled 'World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

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## ANNEX

### I Pre-session documents

#### 1. Basic documents:

(a) Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(b) International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

(c) International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*.

#### 2. National reports:

Each Government invited would be requested to prepare a report of not more than 15 pages, under its own responsibility, analysing some of the problems of racial discrimination that might be found in its own country or in territories under its jurisdiction, and indicating how those problems had been dealt with. The reports should be in one of the official languages of the Conference and would be circulated in their original language.

#### 3. Reports and studies:

(a) Relevant reports and studies conducted by the organs and bodies of the United Nations;

<sup>19</sup> E/5911.

<sup>20</sup> To be submitted at a later stage.

(b) Relevant reports of seminars and symposia held under the auspices of the United Nations.

4. *Introductory papers:*

- (a) General introductory paper;
- (b) The provisional agenda with the appropriate annotations;
- (c) The draft provisional rules of procedure.

H. *In-session documents*

1. There would be no summary records, but the report of each committee would contain a concise summary of the discussions of various questions in that committee.
2. In the absence of summary records, special attention should be given to the preparation of press releases and other informational material.
3. A final document on the proceedings and results of the Conference would be prepared, containing the reports and recommendations of the main committees and all the decisions and declarations adopted by the Conference.

**2086 (LXII). Infringements of trade union rights in southern Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1997 (LX) of 12 May 1976,

*Taking note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on southern Africa,<sup>21</sup>

*Gravely concerned* at the increased use of arrests and bannings to suppress legitimate trade union activities among African workers in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe,

*Commending* the widespread manifestations of trade union solidarity with the struggle of African workers in southern Africa,

1. *Condemns* the continued gross infringements of trade union rights in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe;

2. *Calls for* the immediate release of all trade unionists at present under detention in southern Africa

<sup>21</sup> E/CN.4/1222 and Corr.1.

and for the lifting of all banning orders imposed on persons engaged in trade union activities;

3. *Demands* full recognition of all trade union rights of African workers in South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

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**2087 (LXII). World Conference for Action against Apartheid**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and its own resolution 1990 (LX) of 11 May 1976,

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 31/6 G of 9 November 1976, authorized the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to organize a World Conference for Action against *Apartheid* in 1977,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2082 B (LXII) in which it recommended that the General Assembly should declare 1978 International Anti-*apartheid* Year,

*Conscious* of the imperative need for effective international action against *apartheid* during the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

1. *Welcomes* the generous offer made by the Government of Nigeria to act as host to the World Conference for Action against *Apartheid* at Lagos from 22 to 26 August 1977;

2. *Urges* all Member States, specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations concerned, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to lend their maximum co-operation to ensure the success of the World Conference for Action against *Apartheid*;

3. *Invites* the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to submit the report and documents of the World Conference for Action against *Apartheid* to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

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**DECISIONS**

**213 (LXII). Calendar of conferences and meetings**

1. At its 2047th plenary meeting, on 19 April 1977 and its 2054th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1977, the Council decided to approve the following changes in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the remainder of 1977:<sup>22</sup>

(a) The seventeenth session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination would be convened from 23 May to 17 June (instead of 9 May to 3 June) at United Nations Headquarters;

(b) A resumed third session of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Working Group on the Problem of Corrupt Practices would be convened at Geneva from 27 June to 1 July;

(c) The Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative

Committee on Co-ordination would be held at Geneva on 5, 6 and 7 July (instead of 4 and 5 July);

(d) These meetings of *Ad Hoc* Working Group I of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development would be held at Vienna from 16 to 20 May (instead of at Geneva);

(e) The seventh session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Co-ordination of the Statistical Commission would be held at Geneva on 23 and 24 June (instead of 4-6 July).

2. At its 2054th plenary meeting, the Council also decided that the next session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods should be held in November 1978;<sup>23</sup> that the Group of Experts on Explosives should meet for one week in 1977 and for one week in 1978; and that the Group of Rapporteurs should meet three times, once in 1977 for two weeks and twice in 1978 for two weeks and one week, respectively.

<sup>23</sup> The Council will determine the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1978 and 1979 at its sixty-third session.

<sup>22</sup> For the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1977, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/31/3)*, annex III, and decision 211 (ORG-77) above.