

**NO COVER**  
**(1)**

NO COVER  
(2)

# **RESOLUTIONS**

**adopted by the General Assembly**

**during its**

**TWENTY-THIRD SESSION**

---

**24 September — 21 December 1968**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL RECORDS : TWENTY-THIRD SESSION**

**SUPPLEMENT No. 18 (A/7218)**



**UNITED NATIONS**

*New York, 1969*

## NOTE

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of capital letters combined with figures. Mention of such a symbol indicates a reference to a United Nations document.

The arabic and roman numerals identifying each resolution indicate, respectively, the number of the resolution and the number of the session at which it was adopted.

The resolutions of the General Assembly are numbered in the order of their adoption. A check list of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly during its twenty-third session and an index, by agenda item, of the resolutions and other action taken by the Assembly can be found at the end of the present volume. Also appearing at the end of the volume are a list of organs whose composition is given in the volumes of resolutions and a list of conventions and declarations the texts of which also appear in the volumes of resolutions.

## CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
Allocation of agenda items .....	v
Appointment of the Credentials Committee .....	xiii
Composition of the General Committee .....	xiii
Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council .....	xiii
Election of nine members of the Economic and Social Council .....	xiv
Election of members of the Industrial Development Board .....	xiv
Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	xv

---

### **Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during its twenty-third session**

#### **[2376 (XXIII)–2492 (XXIII)]**

Resolutions adopted without reference to a Main Committee .....	1
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the First Committee .....	9
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Special Political Committee ...	19
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee .....	23
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee .....	39
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fourth Committee .....	57
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee .....	67
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee .....	87

---

Composition of organs .....	93
Conventions and declarations .....	95
Index of resolutions and decisions .....	96
Check list of resolutions and decisions .....	102



## ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS<sup>1</sup>

### Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Romania (item 1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (item 2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (item 3):
  - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President (item 4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (item 5).
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (item 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (item 7).
8. Adoption of the agenda (item 8).
9. General debate (item 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).
11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters XVII<sup>2</sup> and XVIII] (item 12).
13. Report of the International Court of Justice (item 14).
14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 15).
15. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council (item 16).
16. Election of nine members of the Economic and Social Council (item 17).
17. Election of members of the Industrial Development Board (item 18).
18. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 19).
19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (item 20).
20. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: report of the Secretary-General (item 21).
21. Installation of mechanical means of voting: report of the Secretary-General (item 22).
22. The situation in the Middle East (item 95).<sup>3</sup>
23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 23).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda recommended by the General Committee in its first report (A/7250) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968. At the same meeting, the Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items. For the numerical list of agenda items, see "Index of resolutions and decisions", p. 96.

<sup>2</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 14 (a) (i)), to draw the attention of the Fifth Committee to section E (Programme of conferences and meetings for 1969 and 1970) and section F (Financial implications of actions of the Council) of chapter XVII of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/7203).

<sup>3</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, paras. 12 and 14 (a) (iii)), that this item would be included in the agenda as a matter of priority and that it would become item 22 on the list of items to be considered in plenary meeting.

<sup>4</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 14 (a) (ii)), to refer to the Fourth Committee all the chapters of the Special Committee's report relating to specific territories.

24. Question of Namibia (item 64) :<sup>5</sup>
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples ;
  - (b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia ;
  - (c) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.
25. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations (item 93).<sup>6</sup>
26. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (item 34) :
  - (a) Report of the Conference on its second session ;<sup>7</sup>
  - (c) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference.<sup>8</sup>
27. The problems of human environment (item 91).<sup>9</sup>
28. Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations (item 97).<sup>10</sup>

### First Committee

(POLITICAL AND SECURITY QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF  
ARMAMENTS)

1. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (item 24).
2. The Korean question (item 25) :
  - (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea ;
  - (b) Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea ;
  - (c) Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations ;
  - (d) Need to put an end to the discussion in the United Nations on the unification of Korea.<sup>11</sup>
3. Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind: report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (item 26).
4. Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament (item 27).
5. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament (item 28).

<sup>5</sup> See also "Fourth Committee" below, item 3.

<sup>6</sup> At its 1724th plenary meeting, on 19 November 1968, the General Assembly rejected the draft resolution submitted by Albania, Algeria, Cambodia, Congo (Brazzaville), Cuba, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Pakistan, Romania, Southern Yemen, Sudan, Syria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia (A/L.549 and Add.1). At the same meeting, the Assembly rejected the draft resolution submitted by Belgium, Chile, Iceland, Italy and Luxembourg (A/L.550). See also resolution 2389 (XXIII).

<sup>7</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 14 (b) (ii)), that the report of the Conference, on its second session should be submitted initially to the General Assembly in plenary meeting. See also "Second Committee" below, item 2.

<sup>8</sup> At its 1737th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250/Add.4, para. 2), to include this question in the agenda as sub-item (c) of this item and to consider it in plenary meeting.

<sup>9</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 15 (b)), to include this item in the agenda and to consider it in plenary meeting.

<sup>10</sup> At its 1709th plenary meeting, on 1 November 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its third report (A/7250/Add.2, para. 1), to include this item in the agenda and to consider it in plenary meeting.

<sup>11</sup> At its 1737th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its fifth report (A/7250/Add.4, para. 1), to include this question in the agenda as sub-item (d) of this item and to allocate it to the First Committee.



6. Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament (item 29).
7. Memorandum of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning urgent measures to stop the arms race and achieve disarmament (item 94).
8. Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: Final Document of the Conference (item 96).<sup>12</sup>

### Special Political Committee

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (item 30).
2. The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (item 31).
3. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (item 32).
4. Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 33).

### Second Committee

#### (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS)

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I<sup>13</sup> to IX, X (section 8),<sup>13</sup> XII, XIII (sections C to E and H to J) and XVI (sections A and B)<sup>14</sup>] (item 12).
2. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (item 34):<sup>15</sup>
  - (a) Report of the Conference on its second session;
  - (b) Report of the Trade and Development Board.
3. United Nations Industrial Development Organization: report of the Industrial Development Board (item 35).
4. United Nations Capital Development Fund (item 36).
5. United Nations Development Decade: report of the Secretary-General (item 37).
6. International Education Year: report of the Secretary-General (item 38).
7. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources: report of the Secretary-General (item 39).
8. Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament: report of the Secretary-General (item 40).
9. Resources of the sea: report of the Secretary-General (item 41).
10. External financing of economic development of the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General (item 42).

<sup>12</sup> At its 1699th plenary meeting, on 17 October 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its second report (A/7250/Add.1, para. 1), to include this item in the agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee on the understanding that during the consideration of the item the Chairman of the First Committee would consult that Committee on the advisability of referring to the Second Committee those parts of the report of the Conference which might be of interest to the Second Committee.

<sup>13</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 14 (b) (i)), to draw the attention of the Third Committee to chapter I and section B (Development and utilization of human resources) of chapter X of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/7203).

<sup>14</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 14 (b) (i)), that paragraphs 764 to 770 of chapter XVI of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/7203), concerning a proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the Assembly, would, after being considered by the Second and Third Committees, be referred to the Sixth Committee in accordance with annex II, part 1, paragraph 1 (c), of the rules of procedure of the Assembly. Chapter XVI (sections A and B) was also referred to the Third and Fifth Committees.

<sup>15</sup> See also "Plenary meetings" above, item 26.

11. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director (item 43).
12. Operational activities for development (item 44):
  - (a) Activities of the United Nations Development Programme: reports of the Governing Council;
  - (b) Activities undertaken by the Secretary-General.
13. Multilateral food aid: report of the Secretary-General (item 45).
14. Increase in the production and use of edible protein: report of the Secretary-General (item 46).
15. Outflow of trained professional and technical personnel at all levels from the developing to the developed countries, its causes, its consequences and practical remedies for the problems resulting from it (item 47).
16. One day of war for peace (item 92).<sup>16</sup>

### Third Committee

#### (SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL QUESTIONS)

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters X (sections A and C), XI, XIII (sections A, B, F and G) and XVI (sections A and B)<sup>17</sup>] (item 12).
2. Assistance in cases of natural disaster (item 48).
3. World social situation: report of the Secretary-General (item 49).
4. Draft Declaration on Social Development (item 50).
5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 51).
6. Housing, building and planning: report of the Secretary-General (item 52).
7. Town twinning as a means of international co-operation: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 53).
8. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (item 54):
  - (a) Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;
  - (b) Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
9. Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity: report of the Secretary-General (item 55).
10. Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (item 56).
11. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (item 57):
  - (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
  - (b) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (c) Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance: report of the Secretary-General.
12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of *apartheid*, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Secretary-General (item 58).
13. Capital punishment (item 59).
14. Freedom of information (item 60):
  - (a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information;
  - (b) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information.
15. Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Secretary-General (item 61).

<sup>16</sup> At its 1699th plenary meeting, on 17 October 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its second report (A/7250/Add.1, para. 3), to allocate this item to the Second Committee.

<sup>17</sup> Chapter XVI (sections A and B) was also referred to the Second and Fifth Committees. See also foot-note 14 above.

16. International Year for Human Rights (item 62) :
  - (a) Measures and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights : report of the Secretary-General ;
  - (b) International Conference on Human Rights.
17. Need to impart to the teaching staff of primary and secondary schools a knowledge of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, with particular reference to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (item 90).

#### Fourth Committee

(QUESTIONS RELATING TO TRUST AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).
2. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (item 63) :
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General ;
  - (b) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.
3. Question of Namibia (hearing of petitioners) (item 64).<sup>18</sup>
4. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration : report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 65).
5. Question of Fiji : report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 66).
6. Question of Oman (item 67) :
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples ;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
7. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa : report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 68).
8. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 69) :
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples ;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
9. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter XVI (section C)] (item 12).
10. United Nations Training and Educational Programme : report of the Secretary-General (item 70).
11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories : report of the Secretary-General (item 71).
12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples : report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (chapters relating to specific territories) (item 23).<sup>19</sup>

<sup>18</sup> See also "Plenary meetings" above, item 24.

<sup>19</sup> See foot-note 4 above.

## Fifth Committee

### (ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS)

1. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 72):
  - (a) United Nations;
  - (b) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (c) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
  - (e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
  - (f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1968 (item 73).
3. Budget estimates for the financial year 1969 (item 74).
4. Pattern of conferences: report of the Committee on Conferences (item 75).
5. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (item 76):
  - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
  - (b) Committee on Contributions;
  - (c) Board of Auditors;
  - (d) United Nations Administrative Tribunal.
6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 77).
7. Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (item 78):
  - (a) Earmarkings and contingency authorizations from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme;
  - (b) Allocations from the Special Fund Account of the United Nations Development Programme.
8. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 79).
9. Implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies (item 80):
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General.
10. Personnel questions (item 81):
  - (a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;
  - (b) Other personnel questions.
11. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (item 82).
12. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General (item 83).
13. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters XIV,<sup>20</sup> XV<sup>20</sup> and XVI (sections A and B)<sup>21</sup>] (item 12).
14. Enlargement of the Committee on Contributions (item 98).<sup>22</sup>

<sup>20</sup> At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its first report (A/7250, para. 14 (d)), to refer chapters XIV and XV of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/7203) to the Second and Third Committees for comment.

<sup>21</sup> Chapter XVI (sections A and B) was also referred to the Second and Third Committees.

<sup>22</sup> At its 1722nd plenary meeting, on 18 November 1968, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, as set forth in its fourth report (A/7250/Add.3), to include this item in the agenda and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

## **Sixth Committee**

### (LEGAL QUESTIONS)

1. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twentieth session (item 84).
2. Draft Convention on Special Missions (item 85).
3. Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression (item 86).
4. Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States (item 87).
5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session (item 88).
6. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General (item 89).



## **APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

### **(Item 3 (a))**

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed the Credentials Committee.

The Committee was constituted as follows: AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, LIBERIA, MONGOLIA, NEW ZEALAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*1674th plenary meeting,  
24 September 1968.*

## **COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

### **(Items 4, 5 and 6)**

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the twenty-third session was constituted as follows:

*President of the General Assembly:*

Mr. Emilio ARENALES (Guatemala).

*1674th plenary meeting,  
24 September 1968.*

*Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:*

The representatives of the following Member States: BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, GUINEA, GUYANA, IRAN, LEBANON, MAURITANIA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SWEDEN, TOGO, UGANDA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*1675th plenary meeting,  
25 September 1968.*

*Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly:*

*First Committee:* Mr. Piero VINCI (Italy);

*Special Political Committee:* Mr. Abdulrahim Abby FARAH (Somalia);

*Second Committee:* Mr. Richard M. AKWEI (Ghana);

*Third Committee:* Mr. Erik NETTEL (Austria);

*Fourth Committee:* Mr. P. V. J. SOLOMON (Trinidad and Tobago);

*Fifth Committee:* Mr. G. G. TCHERNOUCHTENKO (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic);

*Sixth Committee:* Mr. K. Krishna RAO (India).

*1675th plenary meeting,<sup>23</sup>  
25 September 1968.*

## **ELECTION OF FIVE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

### **(Item 16)**

The General Assembly elected five non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BRAZIL, CANADA, DENMARK, ETHIOPIA and INDIA.

<sup>23</sup> At that meeting, the President of the General Assembly announced the results of the elections held by the Committees.

The following Member States were elected: COLOMBIA, FINLAND, NEPAL, SPAIN and ZAMBIA.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

\* \* \*

*As a result of the above election, the Security Council will be composed of the following members: ALGERIA,\* CHINA, COLOMBIA,\*\* FINLAND,\*\* FRANCE, HUNGARY,\* NEPAL,\*\* PAKISTAN,\* PARAGUAY,\* SENEGAL,\* SPAIN,\*\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZAMBIA.\*\**

## **ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**(Item 17)**

The General Assembly elected nine members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAN, MOROCCO, PANAMA, the PHILIPPINES, SWEDEN, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and VENEZUELA.

The following Member States were elected: INDONESIA, JAMAICA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, SUDAN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, URUGUAY and YUGOSLAVIA.

*1723rd and 1725th plenary meetings,  
19 and 25 November 1968.*

\* \* \*

*As a result of the above election, the Economic and Social Council will be composed of the following members: ARGENTINA,\*\* BELGIUM,\* BULGARIA,\*\* CHAD,\*\* CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE,\*\* FRANCE,\* GUATEMALA,\* INDIA,\*\* INDONESIA,\*\* IRELAND,\*\* JAMAICA,\*\* JAPAN,\*\* KUWAIT,\* LIBYA,\* MEXICO,\* NORWAY,\*\* PAKISTAN,\*\* SIERRA LEONE,\* SUDAN,\*\* TURKEY,\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,\*\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\*\* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,\*\* UPPER VOLTA,\*\* URUGUAY\*\* and YUGOSLAVIA.\*\**

## **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**(Item 18)**

The General Assembly, in pursuance of paragraphs 3 to 5 of section II of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966, elected fifteen members to the Industrial Development Board to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BRAZIL, CHILE, CUBA, FINLAND, FRANCE, INDIA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KUWAIT, the NETHERLANDS, ROMANIA, SUDAN, THAILAND, the UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. . .

The following States were elected: BRAZIL, CHILE, CUBA, DENMARK, FRANCE, INDIA, IRAQ, JAPAN, KUWAIT, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, SUDAN, THAILAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and UPPER VOLTA.

*1723rd plenary meeting,  
19 November 1968.*

The General Assembly elected one member of the Industrial Development Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of ZAMBIA.<sup>24</sup>

The UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA was elected a member of the Industrial Development Board for a term of office of one year beginning on 1 January 1969.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

\* \* \*

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1969.

\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1970.

\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1971.

<sup>24</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 18, document A/7384.*



*As a result of the above election, the Industrial Development Board will be composed of the following members: ARGENTINA,\* AUSTRIA,\*\* BELGIUM,\*\* BRAZIL,\*\* BULGARIA,\* CAMEROON,\* CANADA,\* CHILE,\*\* COLOMBIA,\* CUBA,\*\* CZECHOSLOVAKIA,\*\* DENMARK,\*\* FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,\* FRANCE,\*\* GHANA,\* GUINEA,\*\* INDIA,\*\* INDONESIA,\*\* IRAN,\* IRAQ,\*\* ITALY,\*\* IVORY COAST,\* JAPAN,\*\* KUWAIT,\*\* NETHERLANDS,\*\* NIGERIA,\*\* PAKISTAN,\* PERU,\*\* PHILIPPINES,\* POLAND,\*\* RWANDA,\*\* SOMALIA,\*\* SPAIN,\* SUDAN,\*\* SWEDEN,\*\* SWITZERLAND,\*\* THAILAND,\*\* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,\*\* TURKEY,\* UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,\*\* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,\* UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,\* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,\*\* UPPER VOLTA\*\* and URUGUAY.\**

## **ELECTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES**

### **(Item 19)**

On the recommendation of the Secretary-General,<sup>25</sup> the General Assembly decided to extend for a period of five years, from 1 January 1969 to 31 December 1973, the term of office of Prince Sadrudin AGA KHAN as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The General Assembly also decided to approve the recommendation of the Secretary-General<sup>25</sup> regarding the salary and emoluments of the High Commissioner.

*1720th plenary meeting,  
15 November 1968.*

---

\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1969.  
\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1970.  
\*\*\* Term of office expires on 31 December 1971.  
<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 19, document A/7317, para. 3.



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A MAIN COMMITTEE

CONTENTS

<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
2376 (XXIII)	Admission of Swaziland to membership in the United Nations (A/L.547 and Add.1)	20	24 September 1968	1
2384 (XXIII)	Admission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to membership in the United Nations (A/L.551 and Add.1)	20	12 November 1968	1
2389 (XXIII)	Representation of China in the United Nations (A/L.548 and Add.1)	93	19 November 1968	2
2398 (XXIII)	Problems of the human environment (A/L.553 and Add.1-4)	91	3 December 1968	2
2403 (XXIII)	Question of Namibia (A/L.556 and Add.1)	64	16 December 1968	3
2404 (XXIII)	Petitions concerning Namibia (A/L.557)	64	16 December 1968	3
2405 (XXIII)	Report of the Security Council (A/L.554)	11	16 December 1968	4
2406 (XXIII)	Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (A/L.558)	21	16 December 1968	4
2457 (XXIII)	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/L.552/Rev.2)	15	20 December 1968	4
2465 (XXIII)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/L.560/Rev.1, A/L.561 and Add.1, A/L.563)	23	20 December 1968	4
2492 (XXIII)	Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (A/7228)	3 (b)	21 December 1968	6
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations	7	27 September 1968	6
	Adoption of the agenda	8	21 December 1968	6
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization	10	21 December 1968	7
	Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XVII and XVIII)	12	21 December 1968	7
	Report of the International Court of Justice	14	16 December 1968	7
	Installation of mechanical means of voting	22	27 September 1968	7
	Appointments to fill vacancies in the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	23	25 October 1968 20 December 1968	7
	Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	34 (c)	13 December 1968	8
	Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia	64 (c)	16 December 1968	8
	The situation in the Middle East	95	21 December 1968	8
	Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations	97	19 December 1968	8

**2376 (XXIII). Admission of Swaziland to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 11 September 1968 that Swaziland should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>1</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of Swaziland,<sup>2</sup>

*Decides* to admit Swaziland to membership in the United Nations.

*1674th plenary meeting,  
24 September 1968.*

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/7231.

<sup>2</sup> A/7199. For the printed text of this document, see Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1968, document S/8808.

**2384 (XXIII). Admission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 6 November 1968 that the Republic of Equatorial Guinea should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>3</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/7310.

<sup>4</sup> A/7306. For the printed text of this document, see Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-third Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1968, document S/8883.

*Decides* to admit the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to membership in the United Nations.

1714th plenary meeting,  
12 November 1968.

### 2389 (XXIII). Representation of China in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the recommendation contained in its resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950 that, whenever more than one authority claims to be the Government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations, the question should be considered in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the circumstances of each case,

*Recalling further* its decision in resolution 1668 (XVI) of 15 December 1961, in accordance with Article 18 of the Charter, that any proposal to change the representation of China is an important question, which, in General Assembly resolutions 2025 (XX) of 17 November 1965, 2159 (XXI) of 29 November 1966 and 2271 (XXII) of 28 November 1967, was affirmed as remaining valid,

*Affirms again* that this decision remains valid.

1724th plenary meeting,  
19 November 1968.

### 2398 (XXIII). Problems of the human environment

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the relationship between man and his environment is undergoing profound changes in the wake of modern scientific and technological developments,

*Aware* that these developments, while offering unprecedented opportunities to change and shape the environment of man to meet his needs and aspirations, also involve grave dangers if not properly controlled,

*Noting*, in particular, the continuing and accelerating impairment of the quality of the human environment caused by such factors as air and water pollution, erosion and other forms of soil deterioration, waste, noise and the secondary effects of biocides, which are accentuated by rapidly increasing population and accelerating urbanization,

*Concerned* about the consequent effects on the condition of man, his physical, mental and social well-being, his dignity and his enjoyment of basic human rights, in developing as well as developed countries,

*Convinced* that increased attention to the problems of the human environment is essential for sound economic and social development,

*Expressing the strong hope* that the developing countries will, through appropriate international co-operation, derive particular benefit from the mobilization of knowledge and experience about the problems of the human environment, enabling them, *inter alia*, to forestall the occurrence of many such problems,

*Having considered* Economic and Social Council resolution 1346 (XLV) of 30 July 1968 on the question of convening an international conference on the problems of the human environment,

*Bearing in mind* the important work on some problems of the human environment at present being undertaken by organizations in the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations (including the Economic Commission for Europe), the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General on activities of United Nations organizations and programmes relevant to the human environment,<sup>5</sup>

*Aware* of the important work being done on the problems of the human environment by Governments as well as by intergovernmental organizations such as the Organization of African Unity and non-governmental organizations such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, the International Council of Scientific Unions and the International Biological Programme,

*Bearing in mind* the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Conference of Experts on the Scientific Basis for Rational Use and Conservation of the Resources of the Biosphere,<sup>6</sup> convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with the participation of the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization,

*Convinced* of the need for intensified action at the national, regional and international level in order to limit and, where possible, eliminate the impairment of the human environment and in order to protect and improve the natural surroundings in the interest of man,

*Desiring* to encourage further work in this field and to give it a common outlook and direction,

*Believing* it desirable to provide a framework for comprehensive consideration within the United Nations of the problems of the human environment in order to focus the attention of Governments and public opinion on the importance and urgency of this question and also to identify those aspects of it that can only or best be solved through international co-operation and agreement,

1. *Decides*, in furtherance of the objectives set out above, to convene in 1972 a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, a report concerning:

(a) The nature, scope and progress of work at present being done in the field of the human environment;

(b) The main problems facing developed and developing countries in this area, which might with particular advantage be considered at such a conference,

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document E/4553.*

<sup>6</sup> For the text of the recommendations, see the mimeographed version of document A/7291 (annex).

including the possibilities for increased international co-operation, especially as they relate to economic and social development, in particular of the developing countries;

(c) Possible methods of preparing for the Conference and the time necessary for such preparations;

(d) A possible time and place for the Conference;

(e) The range of financial implications for the United Nations of the holding of the Conference;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to consult Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency and appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, and to draw on contributions from appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

*1733rd plenary meeting,  
3 December 1968.*

### 2403 (XXIII). Question of Namibia

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and subsequent resolutions on this question,

*Recalling further* Security Council resolution 246 (1968) of 14 March 1968, in particular the last preambular paragraph in which the Council took cognizance of its special responsibility towards the people and Territory of Namibia,

*Noting with appreciation* the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Namibia to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and the legitimacy of their struggle against the foreign occupation of their country;

2. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the Government of South Africa for its persistent defiance of the authority and resolutions of the United Nations, for its refusal to withdraw from Namibia and for its policy and actions designed to destroy the national unity and territorial integrity of Namibia;

3. *Decides* to draw the attention of the Security Council to the serious situation which has arisen as a result of the illegal presence and actions of the Government of South Africa in Namibia;

4. *Recommends* the Security Council urgently to take all effective measures, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, to ensure the immediate withdrawal of South African authorities from Namibia so as to enable Namibia to attain independence in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2145 (XXI);

5. *Commends* to the appropriate organs of the United Nations acting in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, for their consideration, the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to continue to discharge by every available means the responsibilities and functions entrusted to it;

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 64, document A/7338 and Corr.1.*

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to enable the United Nations Council for Namibia to perform its duties and functions.

*1742nd plenary meeting,  
16 December 1968.*

### 2404 (XXIII). Petitions concerning Namibia

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the special responsibilities of the United Nations with regard to Namibia, including in particular those set out in General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and 2325 (XXII) of 16 December 1967,

*Noting* that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has received and examined during 1967 and 1968 seventy-eight petitions concerning Namibia, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and within the context of the implementation of the Declaration,

*Noting further* that these petitions relate, *inter alia*, to the general situation and recent developments concerning Namibia, the continued refusal by South Africa to implement General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) and 2248 (S-V), especially as regards the transfer to the United Nations Council for Namibia of the administration of the Territory, the illegal arrest, detention and trial of thirty-seven Namibians and the sentencing of thirty-one of them by South Africa, the extension of the Suppression of Communism Act to the Territory, the arrest of political leaders and restrictions on political activities in the Territory, the deproclamation of the Old Location in Windhoek, the plans to create a "self-governing homeland" in Ovamboland and the removal of Africans from their ancestral lands according to the recommendations of the Odendaal Commission,<sup>8</sup>

1. *Notes* that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has taken these petitions into account in its consideration of the situation in Namibia within the context of the implementation of the Declaration;

2. *Notes further* that those petitions which raised matters of concern to the United Nations Council for Namibia have been brought to the latter's attention by the Secretariat and have been taken into consideration by the Council in the performance of the functions assigned to it by the General Assembly in resolutions 2248 (S-V) and 2325 (XXII);

3. *Draws the attention* of the petitioners concerned to the report concerning the Territory submitted by the Special Committee<sup>9</sup> and to the resolutions on the question of Namibia adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions, as well as to the reports of the Secretary-General relating to the Territory and the reports of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

*1742nd plenary meeting,  
16 December 1968.*

<sup>8</sup> "Commission of Enquiry into South West Africa Affairs" established in 1962 by the Government of South Africa under the chairmanship of Mr. F. H. Odendaal.

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter VII.*

**2405 (XXIII). Report of the Security Council**

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1967 to 15 July 1968.*<sup>10</sup>

*1743rd plenary meeting,  
16 December 1968.*

**2406 (XXIII). Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming its resolution 2309 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 concerning the holding of the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy,*

*Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>11</sup> outlining his proposals concerning the theme, date, venue, scope and programme of the Conference,*

1. *Endorses the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee, in close co-operation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and in consultation with appropriate specialized agencies:*

(a) *To undertake preparations for the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy to be held at Geneva for eight or nine working days on convenient dates in 1971;*

(b) *To provide for a conference which would fully achieve the objectives stated in General Assembly resolution 2309 (XXII) but would be more limited in size and cost than the one held in 1964 and at minimum expense to the United Nations;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on preparations undertaken for the Conference, together with cost estimates, so that the necessary funds for the Conference may be considered for inclusion in the United Nations budget.*

*1743rd plenary meeting,  
16 December 1968.*

**2457 (XXIII). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting that great progress in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes has taken place in many countries in recent years,*

*Recalling that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>12</sup> provides that potential benefits from any peaceful applications of nuclear explosions will be made available under appropriate international observation and through appropriate international procedures,*

*Recognizing that the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose membership already includes more than ninety non-nuclear-weapon States, was established to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,*

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/7202).

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 21, document A/7186.

<sup>12</sup> General Assembly resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

*Recognizing also that during the last decade the Agency has acquired experience and competence that are contributing to the attainment of these objectives,*

*Desirous of enabling the Agency to function smoothly and to be in a position to carry out the new responsibilities which it will assume with the eventual entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,*

1. *Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1967-1968;*<sup>13</sup>

2. *Takes note also of two resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the Agency at its twelfth regular session:*

(a) *Resolution GC(XII)/RES/241 of 30 September 1968 by which the General Conference requested the Board of Governors to review article VI of the Statute of the Agency and to submit to the General Conference at its thirteenth regular session a report containing a study of ways and means by which the membership of the Board will adequately reflect:*

(i) *The progress and developments in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy achieved by many States members of the Agency, including the developing countries;*

(ii) *An equitable geographical distribution;*

(iii) *The continuing need for the effectiveness of the Board as the executive body of the Agency;*

(b) *Resolution GC(XII)/RES/245 of 30 September 1968 by which the General Conference requested the Director-General of the Agency to initiate studies of the procedures that the Agency should employ in performing its role in connexion with the peaceful uses of nuclear explosions and requested the Board of Governors of the Agency to review the results of these studies and to report thereon to the General Conference at its thirteenth regular session;*

3. *Requests the Director-General of the Agency to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of action taken in connexion with the above matters.*

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

**2465 (XXIII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,*

*Recalling its resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, 1956 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, 2105 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2326 (XXII) of 16 December 1967,*

*Recalling also its resolutions 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967 and 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 concerning the item entitled "Activities of foreign eco-*

<sup>13</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1967-30 June 1968* (Vienna, July 1968) and supplementary report; transmitted to the Members of the General Assembly by notes of the Secretary-General (A/7175 and Add.1).

conomic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa”.

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2311 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 and 2426 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

*Taking into account* the Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights,<sup>14</sup> held at Teheran from 22 April to 13 May 1968,

*Noting with grave concern* that eight years after the adoption of the Declaration many Territories are still under colonial domination,

*Deploring* the failure of those colonial Powers, especially Portugal and South Africa, which have not complied with the Declaration and relevant resolutions on the question of decolonization, particularly those relating to the Territories under Portuguese domination, Southern Rhodesia and Namibia, and gravely concerned about the attitude of those Member States which have not fully co-operated in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

*Bearing in mind* that the continuation of colonialism and its manifestations, including racism and *apartheid*, and the attempts of some colonial Powers to suppress national liberation movements by repressive activities against colonial peoples are incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Deploring* the attitude of certain States which, in disregard of the pertinent resolutions of the Security Council, the General Assembly 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, continue to co-operate with the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and with the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, which are continuing to repress the African peoples,

*Gravely concerned* about the development in southern Africa of the *entente* between the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, the activities of which endanger international peace and security,

*Convinced* that further delay in the speedy and effective implementation of the Declaration remains a source of international conflicts and differences, which are seriously impeding international co-operation and endangering world peace and security,

*Stressing once again* the need to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, to the situation in the colonial Territories and to the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples,

*Recalling* that the year 1970 will be the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1514 (XV) and all its other resolutions on the question of decolonization;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the work accomplished by 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 expresses its appreciation to the Special Committee for its efforts to secure the complete and effective implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee covering its work during 1968,<sup>15</sup> including the programme of work envisaged by the Committee during 1969, and urges the administering Powers to give effect to the recommendations contained in that report for the speedy implementation of the Declaration and the relevant United Nations resolutions;

4. *Reiterates* its declaration that the continuation of colonial rule threatens international peace and security and that the practice of *apartheid* and all forms of racial discrimination constitute a crime against humanity;

5. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of the colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence, notes with satisfaction the progress made in the colonial Territories by the national liberation movements, both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes, and urges all States to provide moral and material assistance to them;

6. *Urges* all States to comply strictly with the provisions of the various resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning the colonial Territories, and in particular to give the necessary moral, political and material support to the peoples of those Territories in their legitimate struggle to achieve freedom and independence;

7. *Requests* all States, as well as the specialized agencies and international institutions, to withhold assistance of any kind from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and from the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia until they renounce their policy of colonial domination and racial discrimination;

8. *Declares* that the practice of using mercenaries against movements for national liberation and independence is punishable as a criminal act and that the mercenaries themselves are outlaws, and calls upon the Governments of all countries to enact legislation declaring the recruitment, financing and training of mercenaries in their territory to be a punishable offence and prohibiting their nationals from serving as mercenaries;

9. *Requests* the colonial Powers to dismantle their military bases and installations in colonial Territories and to refrain from establishing new ones and from using those that still exist to interfere with the liberation of the peoples in colonial Territories in the exercise of their legitimate rights to freedom and independence;

10. *Once again condemns* the policies, pursued by certain colonial Powers in the Territories under their domination, of imposing non-representative régimes and constitutions, strengthening the position of foreign economic and other interests, misleading world public opinion and encouraging the systematic influx of foreign immigrants while displacing, deporting and transferring the indigenous inhabitants to other areas, and calls upon those Powers to desist from such manoeuvres;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to perform its task and to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1).*

<sup>14</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2.

in all Territories which have not yet attained independence;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter of the United Nations with regard to developments in colonial Territories which are likely to threaten international peace and security, and recommends the Council to take such suggestions fully into consideration;

13. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the compliance of Member States with the Declaration and with other relevant resolutions on the question of decolonization, particularly those relating to the Territories under Portuguese domination, Southern Rhodesia and Namibia, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

14. *Invites* the Special Committee to pay particular attention to the small Territories and to recommend to the General Assembly the most appropriate methods and also the steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise fully their right to self-determination and independence;

15. *Urges* the administering Powers to co-operate with the Special Committee by permitting the access of visiting missions to the colonial Territories in accordance with decisions previously taken by the General Assembly and by the Special Committee;

16. *Decides* to establish a Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, consisting of the members of the Special Committee and six other members to be nominated by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with the Chairman of the Special Committee, and requests the Preparatory Committee to prepare a special programme of activities in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration with a view to finding further ways and means of expediting the achievement of the objectives set forth in the Declaration, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give

widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, to the situation in the colonial Territories and to the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples;

18. *Requests* the administering Powers to co-operate with the Secretary-General in promoting the large-scale dissemination of information on the work of the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all the facilities necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

\* \* \*

*The President of the General Assembly informed the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> that ALGERIA, CANADA, GHANA, INDONESIA, MONGOLIA and TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO had accepted the invitation to serve on the Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples established under paragraph 16 of the above resolution.*

*As a result, the Preparatory Committee will be composed of the following Member States: AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BULGARIA, CANADA, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, HONDURAS, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, ITALY, IVORY COAST, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MONGOLIA, NORWAY, POLAND, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.*

#### 2492 (XXIII). Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>17</sup>

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

<sup>16</sup> See A/7486.

<sup>17</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/7228.*

\* \* \*

### Other decisions

#### Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

(Item 7)

At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly took note of the communication dated 24 September 1968 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly.<sup>18</sup>

#### Adoption of the agenda

(Item 8)

At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,<sup>19</sup> decided to postpone to the

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 7, document A/7241.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 8, document A/7250, para. 9.



twenty-fourth session the consideration of the item entitled "The role of the United Nations in training national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries".

At the same meeting, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 10 of the first report of the General Committee.<sup>20</sup>

### **Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization**

#### **(Item 10)**

At its 1752nd plenary meeting, on 21 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.<sup>21</sup>

### **Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XVII and XVIII)**

#### **(Item 12)**

At its 1752nd plenary meeting, on 21 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of chapters XVII and XVIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>22</sup>

### **Report of the International Court of Justice**

#### **(Item 14)**

At its 1752nd plenary meeting, on 21 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.<sup>23</sup>

### **Installation of mechanical means of voting**

#### **(Item 22)**

At its 1743rd plenary meeting, on 16 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General.<sup>24</sup>

### **Appointments to fill vacancies in the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

#### **(Item 23)**

The President of the General Assembly nominated ECUADOR to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of CHILE from the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

At its 1707th plenary meeting, on 25 October 1968, the General Assembly confirmed that nomination.

The President of the General Assembly nominated NORWAY to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of FINLAND from the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

At its 1751st plenary meeting, on 20 December 1968, the General Assembly confirmed that nomination.

As a result of the above appointments, the Special Committee will be composed of the following Member States: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, BULGARIA, ECUADOR, ETHIOPIA, HONDURAS, INDIA, IRAN, IRAQ, ITALY, IVORY COAST, MADAGASCAR, MALI, NORWAY, POLAND, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIA, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7250.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/7201) and Supplement No. 1A (A/7201/Add.1)*.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3 (A/7203)*.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 17 (A/7217 and Corr.1)*.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/7330*.

**Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

**(Item 34 (c))**

At its 1741st plenary meeting, on 13 December 1968, the General Assembly, in pursuance of section II, paragraph 27, of its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General<sup>25</sup> of Mr. Manuel PÉREZ GUERRERO as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for a term of office beginning in March 1969 and ending on 31 March 1972.

**Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia**

**(Item 64 (c))**

At its 1742nd plenary meeting, on 16 December 1968, the General Assembly decided that the existing arrangements regarding the Acting United Nations Commissioner for Namibia would continue.<sup>26</sup>

**The situation in the Middle East**

**(Item 95)**

At its 1752nd plenary meeting, on 21 December 1968, the General Assembly decided to include the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East" in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session.

**Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations**

**(Item 97)**

At its 1749th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,<sup>27</sup> decided to establish a Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, composed of all the Member States represented in the General Committee at the twenty-third session, to prepare recommendations and plans for the anniversary and to report to the Assembly in the very early part of its twenty-fourth session.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 34, document A/7357.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifth Special Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1524th meeting, paras. 6-9.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document A/7250/Add.5, para. 2.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

### CONTENTS

Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2453 (XXIII)	International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/7462)			
	Resolution A .....	24	20 December 1968	9
	Resolution B .....	24	20 December 1968	10
2454 (XXIII)	Question of general and complete disarmament (A/7441)			
	Resolution A .....	27	20 December 1968	11
	Resolution B .....	27	20 December 1968	12
2455 (XXIII)	Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests (A/7442)	28	20 December 1968	12
2456 (XXIII)	Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States (A/7445)			
	Resolution A .....	96	20 December 1968	13
	Resolution B .....	96	20 December 1968	13
	Resolution C .....	96	20 December 1968	14
	Resolution D .....	96	20 December 1968	14
2466 (XXIII)	The Korean question (A/7460)	25	20 December 1968	14
2467 (XXIII)	Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind (A/7477)			
	Resolution A .....	26	21 December 1968	15
	Resolution B .....	26	21 December 1968	15
	Resolution C .....	26	21 December 1968	16
	Resolution D .....	26	21 December 1968	16
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America .....	29	20 December 1968	17
	Memorandum of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning urgent measures to stop the arms race and achieve disarmament .....	94	20 December 1968	17

#### 2453 (XXIII). International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

##### A

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 2221 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, 2250 (S-V) of 23 May 1967 and 2261 (XXII) of 3 November 1967 regarding the convening of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,

Noting that the Conference was convened at Vienna from 14 to 27 August 1968,

Noting further that the discussions at the Conference have indicated that the exploration and use of outer space could bring immediate practical benefits to all countries regardless of the degree of their economic and scientific development,

Reaffirming its belief that it is in the interest of all countries, and of the developing countries in particular, that knowledge and understanding of the achievements of space science and technology should be more widely disseminated and that international co-operation in the

field of practical applications of space science and technology should be actively promoted,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Austria for acting as host of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and for its assistance in the organization of the Conference;

2. *Commends* the results of the Conference and notes with gratification that it achieved its purpose of examining the practical benefits of space exploration on the basis of scientific and technical achievements and the opportunities available to non-space Powers for international co-operation in space activities, with special relevance to the needs of the developing countries;

3. *Notes* the intention of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to consider all proposals arising from the discussions at the Conference;

4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to consider in detail all aspects of the proposals made by India that a small advisory group be constituted and that action be taken

to arrange panel meetings, fellowships, surveys and technical assistance;<sup>1</sup>

5. *Further welcomes* the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to examine the proposal made by Sierra Leone that arrangements should be made for the use of expert services through a United Nations centre for information and consultation in the field of practical application of space technology;<sup>2</sup>

6. *Urges* all Member States, in carrying out their national programmes, to avail themselves to the fullest extent possible of the information contained in the papers presented and the discussions held at the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of all Member States, in particular the developing countries, the information contained in the papers presented and the discussions held at the Conference;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* of the participation in and contribution to the work of the Conference by the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Committee on Space Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions and invites those organizations to consider the work of the Conference and to take the necessary follow-up steps to ensure the future progress of the work in their respective areas of competence;

9. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the steps taken pursuant to the present resolution.

1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

## B

### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2260 (XXII) of 3 November 1967 and 2345 (XXII) of 19 December 1967.

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,<sup>3</sup>

*Welcoming* the entry into force on 3 December 1968 of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space,<sup>4</sup>

*Reaffirming* the common interest of mankind in furthering the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Believing* that the benefits of space exploration can be extended to States at all stages of economic and scientific development if Member States' conduct their space programmes in a manner designed to promote the maximum international co-operation and widest possible exchange of information in this field,

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 24, document A/7285, para. 22.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 23.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7285.

<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 2345 (XXII), annex.

*Recognizing* the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law in this new area of human endeavour,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and decisions<sup>5</sup> contained in the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space:

(a) To complete urgently the preparation of a draft agreement on liability for damage caused by the launching of objects into outer space and to submit it to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

(b) To continue to study questions relative to the definition of outer space and the utilization of outer space and celestial bodies, including various implications of space communications, as well as those comments which may be brought to the attention of the Committee by specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as a result of their examination of problems that have arisen or that may arise from the use of outer space in the fields within their competence;

3. *Urges* those countries which have not yet become parties to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,<sup>6</sup> and the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to those agreements so that they may have the broadest possible effect;

4. *Reaffirms its belief*, as expressed in resolution 1721 D (XVI) of 20 December 1961, that communication by means of satellites should be available to the nations of the world as soon as practicable on a global and non-discriminatory basis, and recommends that States parties to negotiations regarding international arrangements in the field of satellite communication should constantly bear this principle in mind so that its ultimate realization may not be impaired;

5. *Approves* the establishment by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of a working group to study and report on the technical feasibility of communication by direct broadcast from satellites and the current and foreseeable developments in this field, including comparative user costs and other economic considerations, as well as the implications of such developments in the social, cultural, legal and other areas, and expresses the hope that interested States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies will contribute comments and working papers to the working group for its information and guidance in the performance of its task;

6. *Welcomes* the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to take up at its next session serious consideration of suggestions and views regarding education and training in the field of exploration and peaceful uses of outer space that were expressed in the General Assembly and in the Committee, as requested by the Assembly in paragraph 11 of resolution 2260 (XXII);

7. *Approves* the continuing sponsorship by the United Nations of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station and recommends that Member States

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 24, document A/7285, paras. 11-38.

<sup>6</sup> General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

should give consideration to the use of these facilities for appropriate space research activities;

8. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that, upon notification of the United Nations by the Government of Argentina that the Mar Chiquita station near Mar del Plata is operative, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, should appoint a small group of scientists, drawn from States which are members of the Committee and are familiar with space research and facilities, to visit the station in Argentina and report to the Committee on its eligibility for United Nations sponsorship, in accordance with the basic principles endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962;

9. *Welcomes* the efforts of a number of Member States to keep the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space fully informed of their activities and invites other Member States to do so;

10. *Notes with appreciation* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI) of 20 December 1961, the Secretary-General continues to maintain a public registry of objects launched into orbit or beyond on the basis of information furnished by Member States;

11. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to examine the particular problems which arise or which may arise from the use of outer space in the fields within their competence and which should in their opinion be brought to the attention of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and to report thereon to the Committee for its consideration, as indicated in paragraph 2 (b) of the present resolution;

12. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency to furnish the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space with progress reports on their work in the field of the peaceful uses of outer space;

13. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work as set out in the present resolution and in previous General Assembly resolutions, and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

#### 2454 (XXIII). Question of general and complete disarmament

##### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the recommendations contained in its resolution 2162 B (XXI) of 5 December 1966 calling for strict observance by all States of the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,<sup>7</sup> condemning all actions contrary to those objectives and inviting all States to accede to that Protocol,

*Considering* that the possibility of the use of chemical and bacteriological weapons constitutes a serious threat to mankind,

<sup>7</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

*Believing* that the people of the world should be made aware of the consequences of the use of chemical and bacteriological weapons,

*Having considered* the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament which recommended that the Secretary-General should appoint a group of experts to study the effects of the possible use of such weapons,<sup>8</sup>

*Noting* the interest in a report on various aspects of the problem of chemical, bacteriological and other biological weapons which has been expressed by many Governments and the welcome given to the recommendation of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament by the Secretary-General in the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session,<sup>9</sup>

*Believing* that such a study would provide a valuable contribution to the consideration by the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament of the problems connected with chemical and bacteriological weapons,

*Recalling* the value of the report of the Secretary-General on the effects of the possible use of nuclear weapons,<sup>10</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a concise report in accordance with the proposal contained in paragraph 32 of the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session and in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament contained in paragraph 26 of its report;

2. *Recommends* that the report should be based on accessible material and prepared with the assistance of qualified consultant experts appointed by the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed and the suggestions made during the discussion of this item at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, national and international scientific institutions and organizations to cooperate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report;

4. *Requests* that the report be transmitted to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament, the Security Council and the General Assembly at an early date, if possible by 1 July 1969, and to the Governments of Member States in time to permit its consideration at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

5. *Recommends* that Governments should give the report wide distribution in their respective languages, through various media of communication, so as to acquaint public opinion with its contents;

6. *Reiterates* its call for strict observance by all States of the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological

<sup>8</sup> See *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for 1967 and 1968*, document DC/231, para. 26.

<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 1A (A/7201/Add.1)*, para. 32.

<sup>10</sup> *Effects of the Possible Use of Nuclear Weapons and the Security and Economic Implications for States of the Acquisition and Further Development of These Weapons* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.IX.1).

Methods of Warfare signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, and invites all States to accede to that Protocol.

1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

## B

*The General Assembly,*

Considering that one of the main purposes of the United Nations is to save mankind from the scourge of war,

Convinced that the armaments race, in particular the nuclear arms race, constitutes a threat to peace,

Believing that it is imperative to exert further efforts towards reaching agreement on general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Noting with satisfaction the agreement of the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the United States of America to enter into bilateral discussions on the limitation and reduction of both offensive strategic nuclear-weapon delivery systems and systems of defence against ballistic missiles,

Having received the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,<sup>11</sup> to which are annexed documents presented by the delegations of the eight non-aligned members of the Committee<sup>12</sup> and by Italy,<sup>13</sup> Sweden,<sup>14</sup> the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,<sup>15</sup> the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland<sup>16</sup> and the United States of America,<sup>17</sup>

Noting the memorandum of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics dated 1 July 1968 concerning urgent measures to stop the arms race and achieve disarmament<sup>18</sup> and other proposals for collateral measures which have been submitted at the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,

Recalling its resolutions 1767 (XVII) of 21 November 1962, 1908 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2031 (XX) of 3 December 1965, 2162 C (XXI) of 5 December 1966 and 2344 (XXII) and 2342 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

1. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to make renewed efforts towards achieving substantial progress in reaching agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, and urgently to analyse the plans already under consideration and others that might be put forward to see how in particular rapid progress could be made in the field of nuclear disarmament;

2. Further requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to continue its urgent efforts to negotiate collateral measures of disarmament;

3. Decides to refer to the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament all documents and records of the meetings of the First Committee concerning all matters related to the disarmament question;

<sup>11</sup> Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for 1967 and 1968, document DC/231.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., annex I, section 10.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., section 9.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid., section 6.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., section 3.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., sections 5, 7 and 8.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., section 4.

<sup>18</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda items 27, 28, 29, 94 and 96, document A/7134.

4. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to resume its work as early as possible and to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the progress achieved.

1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

### 2455 (XXIII). Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the question of the urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,<sup>19</sup>

Recalling its resolutions 1762 (XVII) of 6 November 1962, 1910 (XVIII) of 27 November 1963, 2032 (XX) of 3 December 1965, 2163 (XXI) of 5 December 1966 and 2343 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

Recalling further the joint memorandum on a comprehensive test ban treaty submitted on 26 August 1968 by Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Sweden and the United Arab Republic and annexed to the report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,<sup>20</sup>

Noting with regret the fact that all States have not yet adhered to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, signed in Moscow on 5 August 1963,<sup>21</sup>

Noting with increasing concern that nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere and underground are continuing,

Taking into account the existing possibilities of establishing, through international co-operation, a voluntary exchange of seismic data so as to create a better scientific basis for a national evaluation of seismic events,

Recognizing the importance of seismology in the verification of the observance of a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests,

Noting in this connexion that experts from various countries, including four nuclear-weapon States, have recently met unofficially to exchange views and hold discussions in regard to the adequacy of seismic methods for monitoring underground explosions, and the hope expressed that such discussions would be continued,

1. Urges all States which have not done so to adhere without further delay to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water;

2. Calls upon all nuclear-weapon States to suspend nuclear weapon tests in all environments;

3. Expresses the hope that States will contribute to an effective international exchange of seismic data;

4. Requests the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to take up as a matter of urgency the elaboration of a treaty banning underground nuclear weapon tests and to report to the General Assembly on this matter at its twenty-fourth session.

1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

<sup>19</sup> Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for 1967 and 1968, document DC/231.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., annex I, section 10.

<sup>21</sup> United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 480 (1963), No. 6964.

**2456 (XXIII). Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States****A**

*The General Assembly.*

Noting that pursuant to its resolution 2346 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967 the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States was held at Geneva from 29 August to 28 September 1968 and attended by ninety-two non-nuclear-weapon States and four nuclear-weapon States: France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America,

Having examined the Final Document of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,<sup>22</sup>

Appreciating the importance of the consideration given by the participants in the Conference to the problems of achieving a universal peace and, in particular, the security of non-nuclear-weapon States, the cessation of the nuclear arms race, general and complete disarmament and the harnessing of nuclear energy exclusively for peaceful purposes,

Noting that the Conference has adopted the Declaration of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States and fourteen resolutions containing various recommendations,<sup>23</sup>

Welcoming the constructive proposals adopted by the Conference,

Considering that in order to fulfil the aims of the Conference it is necessary to ensure the implementation of these proposals, which will require appropriate action by the international bodies and Governments concerned,

Noting in particular the decision of the Conference inviting the General Assembly at its twenty-third session to consider the best ways and means of implementing its decisions and continuing the work that has been undertaken,

1. *Endorses* the Declaration of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States;

2. *Takes note* of the resolutions adopted by the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the resolutions and the Declaration to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to the international bodies concerned, for their careful consideration;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international bodies concerned to report to the Secretary-General on the action taken by them in connexion with the recommendations contained in the respective resolutions of the Conference;

5. *Invites* the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue, in consultation with their member States, the study of the recommendations of concern to those organizations, contained in resolution J of the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report based on the information supplied by those concerned on the progress achieved in the

implementation of the present resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to place on the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly the question of the implementation, taking into account the reports of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament and the International Atomic Energy Agency, of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, including:

(a) The question of convening early in 1970 a meeting of the United Nations Disarmament Commission to consider disarmament and the related question of the security of nations;

(b) The question of further international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy with particular regard to the special needs and interests of developing countries;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution G of the Conference, to appoint a group of experts, chosen on a personal basis, to prepare a full report on all possible contributions of nuclear technology to the economic and scientific advancement of the developing countries;

9. *Endorses* the recommendation that the Secretary-General should draw the attention of the group of experts to the desirability of taking advantage of the experience of the International Atomic Energy Agency in preparing the report;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency in time to permit its consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

**B**

*The General Assembly.*

Having examined the Final Document of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,<sup>24</sup>

Considering that the establishment of zones free from nuclear weapons, on the initiative of the States situated within each zone concerned, is one of the measures which can contribute most effectively to halting the proliferation of those instruments of mass destruction and to promoting progress towards nuclear disarmament,

Observing that the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America,<sup>25</sup> opened for signature on 14 February 1967, has already established a nuclear-weapon-free zone comprising territories densely populated by man,

Reiterates the recommendation contained in resolution B of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States, concerning the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, and especially the urgent appeal for full compliance by the nuclear-weapon Powers with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2286 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, in which the Assembly invited

<sup>22</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 96, document A/7277 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid., para. 17.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., document A/7277 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 91, document A/C.1/946.

Powers possessing nuclear weapons to sign and ratify as soon as possible Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America.

*1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

### C

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the Final Document of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,<sup>26</sup>

*Observing* that the use of explosive nuclear devices for peaceful purposes will have an extraordinary importance in the light of the technical documents prepared for the Conference at the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

*Recalling* the statements made at the 1577th meeting of the First Committee by the representatives of the Co-Chairmen of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to the effect that it will be convenient to initiate promptly the preparatory work for the determination of what appropriate principles and international procedures could be adopted in order that the potential benefits of any peaceful application of nuclear explosions might be made available, with due consideration for the needs of the developing areas of the world,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and with the co-operation of the latter and of those specialized agencies that he may consider pertinent, a report on the establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes, under appropriate international control;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report to the Governments of the States mentioned in paragraph 1 above in time to permit its consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

### D

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the recommendation contained in resolution D of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States,

*Considering* that, pursuant to the agreement reached in July 1968 by the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to enter into bilateral discussions on the limitation of both offensive strategic nuclear-weapon delivery systems and systems of defence against ballistic missiles, such discussions could lead to the cessation of the nuclear arms race and to the achievement of nuclear disarmament and relaxation of tensions,

*Urges* the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to enter at an early date into bilateral discussions on the limitation of offensive strategic nuclear-weapon

delivery systems and systems of defence against ballistic missiles.

*1750th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

### 2466 (XXIII). The Korean question

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, signed at Seoul, Korea, on 24 August 1968,<sup>27</sup>

*Reaffirming* its resolution 2269 (XXII) of 16 November 1967 and previous resolutions on the Korean question noted therein,

*Recognizing* that the continued division of Korea does not correspond to the wishes of the Korean people and constitutes a source of tension which prevents the full restoration of international peace and security in the area,

*Recalling* that the United Nations, under the Charter, is fully and rightfully empowered to take collective action to maintain peace and security and to extend its good offices in seeking a peaceful settlement in Korea in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

*Anxious* that progress be made towards creating conditions which would facilitate the reunification of Korea on the basis of the freely expressed will of the Korean people,

*Concerned* at reports of recent events in Korea which, if continued, could hamper efforts to create the peaceful conditions which are one of the prerequisites for the establishment of a unified and independent Korea,

1. *Reaffirms* that the objectives of the United Nations in Korea are to bring about, by peaceful means, the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government, and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;

2. *Expresses the belief* that arrangements should be made to achieve these objectives through genuinely free elections held in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

3. *Calls* for co-operation in the easing of tensions in the area and, in particular, for the avoidance of incidents and activities in violation of the Armistice Agreement of 1953;

4. *Notes with approval* the efforts made by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, in pursuit of its mandate, to encourage the exercise of restraint and the easing of tensions in the area and to secure maximum support, assistance and co-operation in the realization of the peaceful reunification of Korea;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to pursue these and other efforts to achieve the objectives of the United Nations in Korea, to continue to carry out the tasks previously assigned to it by the General Assembly and to keep members of the Assembly informed on the situation in the area and on the results of these efforts through regular reports submitted to the Secretary-General and to the Assembly as appropriate, the first report to be submitted to the Secretary-General no later than four months after the adoption of the present resolution;

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/7212).

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 96, document A/7277 and Corr.1 and 2.



6. *Notes* that the United Nations forces which were sent to Korea in accordance with United Nations resolutions have in greater part already been withdrawn, that the sole objective of the United Nations forces at present in Korea is to preserve the peace and security of the area, and that the Governments concerned are prepared to withdraw their remaining forces from Korea whenever such action is requested by the Republic of Korea or whenever the conditions for a lasting settlement formulated by the General Assembly have been fulfilled.

1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

**2467 (XXIII). Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the item entitled "Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind",

*Having in mind* its resolution 2340 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 concerned with the problems arising in the area to which the title of the item refers,

*Reaffirming* the objectives set forth in that resolution,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report prepared by the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,<sup>28</sup> keeping in mind the views expressed in the course of its work and drawing upon its experience,

*Recognizing* that it is in the interest of mankind as a whole to favour the exploration and use of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, for peaceful purposes,

*Considering* that it is important to promote international co-operation for the exploration and exploitation of the resources of this area,

*Convinced* that such exploitation should be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, irrespective of the geographical location of States, taking into account the special interests and needs of the developing countries,

*Considering* that it is essential to provide, within the United Nations system, a focal point for the elaboration of desirable measures of international co-operation, taking into account alternative actual and potential uses of this area, and for the co-ordination of the activities of international organizations in this regard,

1. *Establishes* a Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, composed of forty-two States;

2. *Instructs* the Committee:

(a) To study the elaboration of the legal principles and norms which would promote international co-operation

in the exploration and use of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and ensure the exploitation of their resources for the benefit of mankind, and the economic and other requirements which such a régime should satisfy in order to meet the interests of humanity as a whole;

(b) To study the ways and means of promoting the exploitation and use of the resources of this area, and of international co-operation to that end, taking into account the foreseeable development of technology and the economic implications of such exploitation and bearing in mind the fact that such exploitation should benefit mankind as a whole;

(c) To review the studies carried out in the field of exploration and research in this area and aimed at intensifying international co-operation and stimulating the exchange and the widest possible dissemination of scientific knowledge on the subject;

(d) To examine proposed measures of co-operation to be adopted by the international community in order to prevent the marine pollution which may result from the exploration and exploitation of the resources of this area;

3. *Also calls upon* the Committee to study further, within the context of the title of the item, and taking into account the studies and international negotiations being undertaken in the field of disarmament, the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor without prejudice to the limits which may be agreed upon in this respect;

4. *Requests* the Committee:

(a) To work in close co-operation with the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the intergovernmental bodies dealing with the problems referred to in the present resolution, so as to avoid any duplication or overlapping of activities;

(b) To make recommendations to the General Assembly on the questions mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

(c) In co-operation with the Secretary-General, to submit to the General Assembly reports on its activities at each subsequent session;

5. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental bodies including the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to co-operate fully with the Committee in the implementation of the present resolution.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that it is in the common interest of all nations that the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, should be conducted in such a manner as to avoid infringement of the other interests and established rights of nations with respect to the uses of the sea,

*Mindful* of the threat to the marine environment presented by pollution and other hazardous and harmful effects which might result from exploration and exploitation of the areas under consideration,

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 26, document A/7230.

*Desiring* to promote effective measures of prevention and control of such pollution and to allay the serious damage which might be caused to the marine environment and, in particular, to the living marine resources which constitute one of mankind's most valuable food resources,

*Recognizing* the complex problem of ensuring effective co-ordination in the wide field of environmental pollution and in the more specific area of prevention and control of marine pollution,

*Noting with satisfaction* the measures being undertaken by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to prevent and control pollution of the sea by preparing new draft conventions and other instruments for that purpose,

*Recalling*, in this regard, the progress achieved towards such concerted action by intergovernmental bodies and the establishment, by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, of a joint group of experts on the scientific aspects of marine pollution,

*Recalling further* the competence and continuing valuable contributions of the other intergovernmental organizations concerned,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption by States of appropriate safeguards against the dangers of pollution and other hazardous and harmful effects that might arise from the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, notably in the form of concrete measures of international co-operation for the purpose of realizing this aim;

2. *Considers* that, in connexion with the elaboration of principles underlying possible future international agreements for the area concerned, a study should be made with a view to clarifying all aspects of protection of the living and other resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, the superjacent waters and the adjacent coasts against the consequences of pollution and other hazardous and harmful effects arising from various modalities of such exploration and exploitation;

3. *Considers further* that such a study should take into consideration the importance of minimizing interference between the many means by which the wealth of the ocean space may be harvested, and that it should extend to the examination of the circumstances in which measures may be undertaken by States for the protection of the living and other resources of those areas in which pollution detrimental to those resources has occurred or is imminent;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the appropriate and competent body or bodies presently undertaking co-ordinated work in the field of marine pollution control, to undertake the study referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

## C

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind",

*Reaffirming* that exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, should be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, taking into special consideration the interests and needs of the developing countries,

*Recalling* that international co-operation in this field is of paramount importance,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution A above establishing the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, and the mandate entrusted to it,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a study on the question of establishing in due time appropriate international machinery for the promotion of the exploration and exploitation of the resources of this area, and the use of these resources in the interests of mankind, irrespective of the geographical location of States, and taking into special consideration the interests and needs of the developing countries, and to submit a report thereon to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction for consideration during one of its sessions in 1969;

2. *Calls upon* the Committee to submit a report on this question to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

## D

*The General Assembly,*

*Convinced* that the nations of the world should join together, with due respect for national jurisdiction, in a common long-term programme of exploration of the ocean as a potential source of resources, which should eventually be used for meeting the needs of all mankind with due recognition of those of developing countries and irrespective of the geographical location of States,

*Recalling also* that in its resolution 2172 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare proposals for ensuring the most effective arrangements for an expanded programme of international co-operation to assist in a better understanding of the marine environment through science, and for initiating and strengthening marine education and training programmes,

*Recalling further* the proposals made by the Secretary-General in his report,<sup>29</sup> pursuant to resolution 2172 (XXI), as well as the various views expressed during the consideration of this subject by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session,

*Noting* that the Bureau and Consultative Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

<sup>29</sup> E/4487 and Corr.1-6, and Add.1.

Organization considered the proposed international decade of ocean exploration a useful initiative for broadening and accelerating investigations of the oceans and for strengthening international co-operation,

*Endorsing* the objectives expressed in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1380 (XLV), 1381 (XLV) and 1382 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and recalling particularly the invitation to the General Assembly to endorse the concept of a co-ordinated long-term programme of oceanographic research, taking into account such initiatives as the proposal for an international decade of ocean exploration and international programmes already considered, approved and adopted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for implementation in co-operation with other specialized agencies,

*Aware* of the consideration given to the proposal in the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, arising from the contribution which the international decade of ocean exploration would make to scientific research and exploration of the sea-bed and ocean floor, as an important part of a co-ordinated long-term international programme of oceanographic research,

*Seeking* to enrich the knowledge of all mankind by encouraging a free flow of scientific information on the oceans to all States,

1. *Welcomes* the concept of an international decade of ocean exploration to be undertaken within the framework of a long-term programme of research and exploration, including scientific research and exploration of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, under the aegis of the United Nations on the understanding that all such activities falling under the national jurisdiction of a State shall be subject to the previous consent of such State, in accordance with international law;

2. *Invites* Member States to formulate proposals for national and international scientific programmes and agreed activities to be undertaken during the international decade of ocean exploration with due regard to the interests of developing countries, to transmit these proposals to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission in time to begin the decade in 1970, and to embark on such activities as soon as practicable;

3. *Urges* Member States to publish as soon as practicable the results of all activities which they will have undertaken within the framework of the international decade of ocean exploration as part of a long-term co-ordinated programme of scientific research and exploration, and at the same time to communicate these results to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization that its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission:

(a) Intensify its activities in the scientific field, within its terms of reference and in co-operation with other interested agencies, in particular with regard to co-ordinating the scientific aspects of a long-term and expanded programme of world-wide exploration of the oceans and their resources of which the international decade of ocean exploration will be an important element, including international agency programmes, an expanded international exchange of data from national programmes, and international efforts to strengthen the research capabilities of all interested nations with particular regard to the needs of the developing countries;

(b) Co-operate with the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2414 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968 on the resources of the sea in the preparation of the comprehensive outline of the scope of the long-term programme of oceanographic research of which the international decade of ocean exploration will be an important element, making available its views as to the appropriate relationship between the several international programmes already considered, approved and adopted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for implementation, the decade, and the long-term programme;

(c) Keep the Secretary-General informed of all proposals, programmes and activities of which it is informed in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above together with any comments it may consider appropriate;

(d) Report through appropriate channels to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

\* \* \*

*In accordance with the decision taken by the First Committee at its 1648th meeting, on 19 December 1968, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, established under paragraph 1 of resolution A above, will consist of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CAMEROON, CANADA, CEYLON, CHILE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, ICELAND, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALTA, MAURITANIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PERU, POLAND, ROMANIA, SIERRA LEONE, SUDAN, THAILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.*

\* \* \*

### **Other decisions**

#### **Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America**

##### **(Item 29)**

At its 1750th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 6 of the report of the First Committee.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>30</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda items 27, 28, 29, 94 and 96, document A/7443.*

**Memorandum of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
concerning urgent measures to stop the arms race and achieve  
disarmament**

*(Item 94)*

At its 1750th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 7 of the report of the First Committee.<sup>31</sup>

---

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7444.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

### CONTENTS

<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
2382 (XXIII)	Effects of atomic radiation (A/7296) .....	30	1 November 1968	19
2396 (XXIII)	The policies of <i>apartheid</i> of the Government of South Africa (A/7348) .....	31	2 December 1968	19
2397 (XXIII)	United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa (A/7348) .....	31	2 December 1968	21
2451 (XXIII)	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (A/7455) .....	32	19 December 1968	21
2452 (XXIII)	Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/7411)			
	Resolution A .....	33	19 December 1968	21
	Resolution B .....	33	19 December 1968	22
	Resolution C .....	33	19 December 1968	22

#### 2382 (XXIII). Effects of atomic radiation

##### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions reaffirming the desirability of the Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report adopted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at its eighteenth session;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation;

3. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the review of information required to continue the Scientific Committee's assessment of world-wide levels of radiation from nuclear tests, as contained in the letter annexed to the report of the Committee;

4. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to complete its current programme of work and to review and formulate plans for its future activities;

5. *Notes* the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its nineteenth session in May 1969 and to report further to the General Assembly.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, document A/7126.

#### 2396 (XXIII). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa

##### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions on this question and Security Council resolutions 181 (1963) of 7 August 1963, 182 (1963) of 4 December 1963, 190 (1964) of 9 June 1964 and 191 (1964) of 18 June 1964,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa<sup>2</sup> and the report of the Sub-Committee on Information on *Apartheid* annexed thereto,<sup>3</sup>

Taking into account the decisions and recommendations contained in the Proclamation of Teheran<sup>4</sup> adopted by the International Conference on Human Rights, held at Teheran from 22 April to 13 May 1968,

Noting with concern that the Government of South Africa continues to intensify and extend beyond the borders of South Africa its inhuman and aggressive policies of *apartheid* and that these policies have led to a violent conflict, creating a situation in the whole of southern Africa which constitutes a grave threat to international peace and security,

Recognizing that the policies and actions of the Government of South Africa constitute a serious obstacle to the exercise of the right of self-determination by the oppressed people of southern Africa,

Convinced that the international campaign against *apartheid* must be intensified urgently in order to assist in securing the elimination of these inhuman policies,

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 31, document A/7254.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

<sup>4</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 3.

Considering that effective action for a solution of the situation in South Africa is imperative in order to eliminate the grave threat to the peace in southern Africa as a whole,

Noting that the Security Council has not considered the problem of *apartheid* since 1964,

1. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the policies of *apartheid* practised by the Government of South Africa as a crime against humanity;

2. *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its illegal occupation of Namibia and its military intervention and for its assistance to the racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia in violation of United Nations resolutions;

3. *Reaffirms* the urgent necessity of eliminating the policies of *apartheid* so that the people of South Africa as a whole can exercise their right to self-determination and attain majority rule based on universal suffrage;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council to the grave situation in South Africa and in southern Africa as a whole and requests the Council to resume urgently the consideration of the question of *apartheid* with a view to adopting, under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, effective measures to ensure the full implementation of comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa;

5. *Condemns* the actions of those States, particularly the main trading partners of South Africa, and the activities of those foreign financial and other interests, all of which, through their political, economic and military collaboration with the Government of South Africa and contrary to the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, are encouraging that Government to persist in its racial policies;

6. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of South Africa for all human rights, and in particular political rights and fundamental freedoms for all the people of South Africa irrespective of race, colour or creed;

7. *Calls upon* all States and organizations to provide greater moral, political and material assistance to the South African liberation movement in its legitimate struggle;

8. *Expresses its grave concern* over the ruthless persecution of opponents of *apartheid* under arbitrary laws and the treatment of freedom fighters who were taken prisoner during the legitimate struggle for liberation, and:

(a) *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of political prisoners;

(b) *Calls* once again for the release of all persons imprisoned or restricted for their opposition to *apartheid* and appeals to all Governments, organizations and individuals to intensify their efforts in order to induce the Government of South Africa to release all such persons and to stop the persecution and ill-treatment of opponents of *apartheid*;

(c) *Declares* that such freedom fighters should be treated as prisoners of war under international law, particularly the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949;<sup>5</sup>

(d) *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish and publicize as widely as possible:

(i) A register of persons who have been executed, imprisoned, placed under house arrest or banning orders or deported for their opposition to *apartheid*;

(ii) A register of all available information on acts of brutality committed by the Government of South Africa and its officials against opponents of *apartheid* in prisons;

9. *Commends* the activities of anti-*apartheid* movements and other organizations engaged in providing assistance to the victims of *apartheid* and in promoting their cause, and invites all States, organizations and individuals to make generous contributions in support of their endeavours;

10. *Urges* the Governments of all States to discourage in their territories, by legislative or other acts, all activities and organizations which support the policies of *apartheid* as well as any propaganda in favour of the policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

11. *Requests* all States to discourage the flow of immigrants, particularly skilled and technical personnel, to South Africa;

12. *Requests* all States and organizations to suspend cultural, educational, sporting and other exchanges with the racist régime and with organizations or institutions in South Africa which practise *apartheid*;

13. *Invites* all States and organizations to commemorate as widely as possible the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1969 in order to express their solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa;

14. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, as a matter of priority, to study and report on the implementation of the United Nations resolutions on the question of *apartheid*, the effects of the measures taken and the means of securing more effective international action;

15. *Requests* the Special Committee to intensify its efforts to promote the international campaign against *apartheid* and, to this end, authorizes it:

(a) To hold sessions away from Headquarters or to send a sub-committee on a mission to consult specialized agencies, regional organizations, States and non-governmental organizations;

(b) To hold consultations with experts and to arrange for special studies on various aspects of *apartheid*, in consultation with the Secretary-General and within the budgetary provision to be made for this purpose;

16. *Requests* all States, specialized agencies and other organizations to intensify the dissemination of information on the evils of *apartheid* in the light of the report of the Special Committee and, in this respect, reiterates its request to those States which have not yet done so to encourage urgently the establishment of national committees as provided in paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 2307 (XXII) of 13 December 1967;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the proposals of the Special Committee for the widest dissemination of information on *apartheid*:

(a) To ensure that the Unit on *Apartheid*, established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2144 A (XXI) of 26 October 1966, discharges its increased functions in the light of the proposals out-

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), No. 972.

lined in paragraph 146 of the report of the Special Committee;

(b) To take other appropriate steps to assist all States, specialized agencies and other organizations to intensify the dissemination of information;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Special Committee with all the necessary means, including appropriate financial means, for the effective accomplishment of its task;

19. *Invites* States, specialized agencies, regional organizations and non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Special Committee in the accomplishment of their tasks under the present resolution.

*1731st plenary meeting,  
2 December 1968.*

### 2397 (XXIII). United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2054 B (XX) of 15 December 1965 and 2202 B (XXI) of 16 December 1966 concerning the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>6</sup> to which is annexed the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Considering* it appropriate and essential to continue and increase humanitarian assistance to the victims of the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa,

*Noting* that the Committee of Trustees has drawn attention to the need for greater contributions to the Fund and for a revision of its terms of reference,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals which have contributed to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees of the Fund for their efforts to promote the purposes of the Fund;

3. *Decides* to revise the purposes of the Fund to provide:

(a) Legal assistance to persons persecuted under the repressive and discriminatory legislation of South Africa;

(b) Relief to such persons and their dependants;

(c) Education of such persons and their dependants;

(d) Relief for refugees from South Africa;

4. *Again appeals* to all States, organizations and individuals for generous contributions to the Fund.

*1731st plenary meeting,  
2 December 1968.*

### 2451 (XXIII). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967 and 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967,

<sup>6</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 31, document A/7270.*

*Having received and examined* the reports of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations of 2 July 1968<sup>7</sup> and 12 December 1968,<sup>8</sup>

*Mindful* of the importance which Member States attach to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

*Noting* that the Special Committee has appointed a working group for the preparation of working papers for the study that the Special Committee was requested to submit to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 2308 (XXII),

*Noting* that the Special Committee has approved, as a first model in the programme of its working group, a study of the United Nations military observers established or authorized by the Security Council for observation purposes pursuant to Council resolutions,

*Noting further* from the report of the Special Committee of 12 December 1968 that preliminary work has been undertaken in the preparation of the above-mentioned study,

1. *Requests* the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to continue its work under General Assembly resolution 2308 (XXII), including the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of that resolution;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to keep the General Assembly regularly informed about its progress in the comprehensive review of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects;

3. *Further requests* the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to submit to the General Assembly as soon as possible, and not later than at its twenty-fourth session, a comprehensive report on the United Nations military observers established or authorized by the Security Council for observation purposes pursuant to Council resolutions, as well as a progress report on such work as the Special Committee may be able to undertake on any other models of peace-keeping operations;

4. *Transmits* to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations the records of the debates at the present session on the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects", with the request that the suggestions and proposals contained therein be taken into account.

*1749th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

### 2452 (XXIII). Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967,

*Taking note* of the appeal made by the Secretary-General in the Special Political Committee on 11 November 1968,<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 32, document A/7131.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7396.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Special Political Committee, 612th meeting, paras. 2-14.*

*Convinced* that the plight of the displaced persons could best be relieved by their speedy return to their homes and to the camps which they formerly occupied,

*Emphasizing*, consequently, the requirement for their speedy return,

1. *Calls upon* the Government of Israel to take effective and immediate steps for the return without delay of those inhabitants who have fled the areas since the outbreak of hostilities;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the effective implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly.

*1749th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

## B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) and 394 (V) of 2 and 14 December 1950, 512 (VI) and 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957, 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957, 1315 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, 1456 (XIV) of 9 December 1959, 1604 (XV) of 21 April 1961, 1725 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1856 (XVII) of 20 December 1962, 1912 (XVIII) of 3 December 1963, 2002 (XIX) of 10 February 1965, 2052 (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2154 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 and 2341 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

*Noting* the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1967 to 30 June 1968,<sup>10</sup>

1. *Notes with deep regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the Commissioner-General and the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for their continued faithful efforts to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, and to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. *Directs* the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue his efforts in taking such measures, including rectification of the relief rolls, as to assure, in co-operation with the Governments concerned, the most equitable distribution of relief based on need;

4. *Notes with regret* that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation thereof;

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/7213).

5. *Directs attention* to the continuing critical financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the Commissioner-General's report;

6. *Notes with concern* that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions to help relieve the serious budget deficit of the past year, contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continue to fall short of the funds needed to cover essential budget requirements;

7. *Calls upon* all Governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the Commissioner-General's report, and therefore urges non-contributing Governments to contribute and contributing Governments to consider increasing their contributions;

8. *Decides* to extend until 30 June 1972, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

*1749th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

## C

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967 and 2341 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

*Taking note* of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1967 to 30 June 1968,<sup>11</sup>

*Taking note also* of the appeal made by the Secretary-General in the Special Political Committee on 11 November 1968,<sup>12</sup>

*Concerned* about the continued human suffering as a result of the June 1967 hostilities in the Middle East,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) and 2341 B (XXII);

2. *Endorses*, bearing in mind the objectives of those resolutions, the efforts of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue to provide humanitarian assistance, as far as practicable, on an emergency basis and as a temporary measure, to other persons in the area who are at present displaced and are in serious need of continued assistance as a result of the June 1967 hostilities;

3. *Strongly appeals* to all Governments and to organizations and individuals to contribute generously for the above purposes to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and to the other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

*1749th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Special Political Committee, 612th meeting, paras. 2-14.



## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

## CONTENTS

Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2377 (XXIII)	Pledging Conference on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (A/7257) .....	36	14 October 1968	23
2385 (XXIII)	Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board (A/7332) .....	35	19 November 1968	23
2386 (XXIII)	Permanent sovereignty over natural resources (A/7324) .....	39	19 November 1968	24
2387 (XXIII)	Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament (A/7325) .....	40	19 November 1968	24
2388 (XXIII)	United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/7333) ..	43	19 November 1968	25
2401 (XXIII)	Technical assistance in trade and related fields (A/7383/Add.1) ..	34	13 December 1968	25
2402 (XXIII)	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (A/7383/Add.1) .....	34	13 December 1968	25
2407 (XXIII)	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (A/7332) ..	35	17 December 1968	26
2408 (XXIII)	Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (A/7331) .....	44	17 December 1968	27
2409 (XXIII)	Promotion of follow-up investment (A/7331) .....	44	17 December 1968	27
2410 (XXIII)	United Nations Capital Development Fund (A/7257/Add.1) .....	36	17 December 1968	27
2411 (XXIII)	International development strategy (A/7345/Add.1) .....	37	17 December 1968	27
2412 (XXIII)	International Education Year (A/7404) .....	38	17 December 1968	29
2413 (XXIII)	Exploitation and conservation of living marine resources (A/7394)	41	17 December 1968	29
2414 (XXIII)	International co-operation on questions related to the oceans (A/7394) .....	41	17 December 1968	30
2415 (XXIII)	External financing of economic development of the developing countries (A/7412) .....	42	17 December 1968	31
2416 (XXIII)	Increase in the production and use of edible protein (A/7405) .....	46	17 December 1968	32
2417 (XXIII)	Outflow of trained professional and technical personnel at all levels from the developing to the developed countries, its causes, its consequences and practical remedies for the problems resulting from it (A/7406) .....	47	17 December 1968	33
2418 (XXIII)	One day of war for peace (A/7393) .....	92	17 December 1968	34
2458 (XXIII)	International co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development (A/7426) .....	12	20 December 1968	34
2459 (XXIII)	The role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development (A/7426) .....	12	20 December 1968	35
2460 (XXIII)	Human resources for development (A/7426) .....	12	20 December 1968	35
2461 (XXIII)	International monetary reform (A/7426) .....	12	20 December 1968	35
2462 (XXIII)	Multilateral food aid (A/7427, A/L.562) .....	45	20 December 1968	36
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Report of the Economic and Social Council .....	12	20 December 1968	37
	Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Trade and Development Board .....	34	13 December 1968	37
	United Nations Development Decade .....	37	29 November 1968 17 December 1968	38
	Operational activities for development .....	44	17 December 1968	38

**2377 (XXIII). Pledging Conference on the United Nations Capital Development Fund***The General Assembly*

*Decides* that, in order to convene a separate conference for the year 1968 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 on the United Nations Capital Development Fund shall not apply.

*1693rd plenary meeting,  
14 October 1968.*

**2385 (XXIII). Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board***The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* section II, paragraph 4, of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 on the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

1. *Endorses* the decision taken by the Industrial Development Board at its second session<sup>1</sup> to include

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/7215), chapter VIII.*

Mauritius and Southern Yemen in list A of the annex to General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI);

2. *Decides* also to include in list A of the annex Equatorial Guinea and Swaziland, which have recently been admitted to membership in the United Nations.

1723rd plenary meeting,  
19 November 1968.

\*  
\* \* \*

*As a result of the above resolution, the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board will be as follows:*

A. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 4 (a), OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2152 (XXI)

Afghanistan	Malaysia
Algeria	Maldives Islands
Botswana	Mali
Burma	Mauritania
Burundi	Mauritius
Cambodia	Mongolia
Cameroon	Morocco
Central African Republic	Nepal
Ceylon	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
China	Pakistan
Congo (Brazzaville)	Philippines
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Republic of Korea
Dahomey	Republic of Viet-Nam
Equatorial Guinea	Rwanda
Ethiopia	Saudi Arabia
Gabon	Senegal
Gambia	Sierra Leone
Ghana	Singapore
Guinea	Somalia
India	South Africa
Indonesia	Southern Yemen
Iran	Sudan
Iraq	Swaziland
Israel	Syria
Ivory Coast	Thailand
Jordan	Togo
Kenya	Tunisia
Kuwait	Uganda
Laos	United Arab Republic
Lebanon	United Republic of Tanzania
Lesotho	Upper Volta
Liberia	Western Samoa
Libya	Yemen
Madagascar	Yugoslavia
Malawi	Zambia

B. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 4 (b)

Australia	Luxembourg
Austria	Malta
Belgium	Monaco
Canada	Netherlands
Cyprus	New Zealand
Denmark	Norway
Federal Republic of Germany	Portugal
Finland	San Marino
France	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Holy See	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	Ireland
Japan	United States of America
Liechtenstein	

C. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 4 (c)

Argentina	Haiti
Bolivia	Honduras
Brazil	Jamaica
Chile	Mexico
Colombia	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Panama
Cuba	Paraguay
Dominican Republic	Peru
Ecuador	Trinidad and Tobago
El Salvador	Uruguay
Guatemala	Venezuela
Guyana	

D. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 4 (d)

Albania	Poland
Bulgaria	Romania
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Czechoslovakia	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Hungary	

**2386 (XXIII). Permanent sovereignty over natural resources**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 523 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1515 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962,

*Reaffirming* the principles and recommendations contained in its resolution 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966,

*Noting* the progress report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources<sup>2</sup> and his suggestion that a further report might be submitted,

*Considering* that the full exercise of permanent sovereignty over natural resources will play an important role in the achievement of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Considering* that resolution 2158 (XXI) contains guidelines for the Secretary-General for the elaboration of the report requested under section II, sub-paragraph (c), of that resolution,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his further report a comprehensive account of the implementation of the principles and recommendations set forth in General Assembly resolution 2158 (XXI), in particular section I, paragraphs 5, 6 and 7;

2. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its twenty-fifth session.

1723rd plenary meeting,  
19 November 1968.

**2387 (XXIII). Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1837 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 2092 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2171 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 on the conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament,

*Stressing* the importance of utilizing resources released by disarmament for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular of the developing countries,

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/7268.

*Convinced* that general and complete disarmament should be the final goal of all disarmament efforts,

*Recognizing* the importance of partial disarmament measures as a promising way of achieving genuine progress in the disarmament field and in releasing resources, both financial and human, for social and economic development,

*Noting* that the formulation of the framework for national and international studies and activities regarding economic and social aspects of disarmament agreed upon by the Economic and Social Council<sup>3</sup> and the questionnaire on the economic and social consequences of disarmament agreed upon by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination<sup>4</sup> do not exclude the possibilities of studying the economic and social consequences of various partial disarmament measures as well,

1. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's report entitled "Economic and social consequences of disarmament: conversion to peaceful uses of the resources released by disarmament";<sup>5</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when inviting Member States to submit national studies in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2092 (XX) and 2171 (XXI), to draw their attention to the present resolution and to suggest that they may wish to embody, in some of their studies, considerations on the anticipated effects of important partial disarmament measures.

*1723rd plenary meeting,  
19 November 1968.*

### **2388 (XXIII). United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its past resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 2277 (XXII) of 4 December 1967, and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on that subject, particularly resolution 1339 (XLV) of 16 July 1968,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;<sup>6</sup>

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1339 (XLV);

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the Executive Director's policy paper,<sup>7</sup> annexed to his report to the General Assembly, on the strategy, scope and limitations of the Institute's training activities, which has been approved by the Board of Trustees;

4. *Further notes* that the Executive Director intends to conduct a review of the research programmes of the Institute to be submitted in due course to the Board of Trustees;

5. *Commends* the Institute's expanding activities in both training and research and recognizes the importance of these activities, particularly the study on the international migration of professionals from developing

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/4494, annex I.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, document E/4494; E/4494/Add.1.

<sup>6</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 43, document A/7263.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

to developed countries and the study on the criteria and methods of evaluation, in the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Reaffirms* the importance of co-operation and co-ordination between the Institute and the United Nations Secretariat, the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions and other United Nations bodies—including the other institutes within the United Nations family—as well as appropriate national and international institutions;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* of the assistance given or pledged to the Institute in various forms by Governments and non-governmental sources;

8. *Invites* the Executive Director to take into account, in his formulation of future plans of action to be considered by the Board of Trustees, the suggestions made in the course of the debate on this item;

9. *Notes and supports* the case presented by the Executive Director for greater financial support for the Institute through the fulfilment of the pledges already made by Governments and through additional voluntary contributions from governmental and non-governmental sources.

*1723rd plenary meeting,  
19 November 1968.*

### **2401 (XXIII). Technical assistance in trade and related fields**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* Trade and Development Board resolution 44 (VII) of 21 September 1968<sup>8</sup> on technical assistance in trade and related fields,

*Taking note* of the statement made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on this subject at the seventh session of the Board,<sup>9</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 2207 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and 2297 (XXII) of 12 December 1967,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 44 (VII);

2. *Decides* that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development shall be a participating organization of the United Nations Development Programme in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965.

*1741st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1968.*

### **2402 (XXIII). United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the objective laid down in its resolution 2296 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 for the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and its decision to consider the results of the second session of the Conference as a matter of high priority,

*Further recalling* its resolution 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 on the United Nations Development Decade, in which, *inter alia*, it recognized that the

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Trade and Development Board resolution 44 (VII), annex.

major problems of trade and development to be considered by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session would have an important bearing on the preparations for the next Development Decade,

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its second session,<sup>10</sup> held in New Delhi, and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 10 September 1967 to 23 September 1968,<sup>11</sup>

*Taking into account* the statement made by the President of the second session of the Conference in the General Assembly on 28 October 1968<sup>12</sup> and the views expressed in plenary meeting and in the Second Committee on the results of the Conference at its second session,

*Convinced* that the effectiveness of the continuing machinery depends considerably upon the political will of Governments of all Member States to contribute to the achievement of concrete solutions to the problems of trade and development,

*Bearing in mind* the recommendation of the Conference at its second session to its member States to devise and explore earnestly ways and means of assisting the continuing machinery of the Conference to discharge the responsibility placed upon it after its second session,

*Recalling* its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 on the establishment of the Conference, in particular its provisions on future institutional arrangements,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its second session and the report of the Trade and Development Board for the period from 10 September 1967 to 23 September 1968;

2. *Welcomes* decision 45 (VII) adopted by the Trade and Development Board on 21 September 1968 on the improvement of the institutional machinery and methods of work of the Conference;<sup>13</sup>

3. *Considers* that decision 45 (VII) of the Board is a positive manifestation of the political will of States members of the Conference to enhance the capacity of the Conference to achieve positive results;

4. *Further considers* that the full and effective utilization of the improved machinery and methods of work, in the same spirit of co-operation, will contribute towards reaching a greater measure of agreement on problems before the Conference, in particular through:

(a) The possibility of holding sessions of the Board at a high political level in order to consider matters of greater importance;

(b) The possibility of convening a special session of the Board, to be held within the minimum periods provided for in rule 4, paragraph 2, and rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(c) The possibility of setting up intergovernmental groups on matters falling within the competence of

<sup>10</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14).

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1708th meeting, paras. 3-34.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

the Board's main committees, with the purpose of identifying specific courses of action, as appropriate;

(d) The initiative of the Secretary-General of the Conference, where appropriate, in order to assist the continuing machinery in its search for concrete solutions to problems of trade and development;

5. *Expresses the opinion* that in special situations the convening of *ad hoc* meetings of the countries concerned, with their agreement, at a high political level may secure more rapid progress in reaching generally acceptable conclusions on basic issues of substance;

6. *Draws the attention* of the States members of the Conference to the tasks which remain unfinished, particularly those pertaining to the problems facing the least developed of the developing countries, and to the large number of important issues remitted by the Conference to its continuing machinery for further consideration and action;

7. *Urges* the Board at its forthcoming sessions, in considering the issues remitted to it by the Conference, to seek the widest possible measure of agreement on concrete and practical action or recommendations, as appropriate, in particular in view of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

8. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the Conference, the regional economic commissions, the Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as other intergovernmental organizations participating in the work of the Conference, to make every effort to enlighten public opinion within their respective fields about the various aspects of the developmental process and about the efforts being made by the international community in this area, with a view to obtaining the widest possible support for the work of the Conference.

*1741st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1968.*

#### **2407 (XXIII). United Nations Industrial Development Organization**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the provisions of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 relating to the purpose and functions of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

*Bearing in mind* that the developing countries attach high priority to their industrial development within the framework of their national economic plans and programmes,

*Conscious* of the significant contribution that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization can make in achieving the widest possible international co-operation with a view to assisting the developing countries to accelerate their industrial development,

*Recognizing* the key role that industrial development will have to play in the fulfilment of the objectives of the next United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its second session;<sup>14</sup>

2. *Requests* the Industrial Development Board to include in its future reports a summary of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the previous year;

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 15 (A/7215)*.

3. *Invites* Governments to provide additional support to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization by making available through voluntary contributions, in accordance with section II, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI), adequate resources for an expanded programme of field activities under flexible procedures;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to accelerate the preparatory work within its competence for the next United Nations Development Decade and to co-operate actively in the concerted efforts being undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system to elaborate the international development strategy for the 1970s;

5. *Endorses* Industrial Development Board resolution 11 (II) of 14 May 1968,<sup>15</sup> in which the Board recommended the sum of \$1.5 million as the planning level of the regular programme of technical assistance for industrial development in 1969 and 1970;

6. *Considers* that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should be entrusted with the responsibility of executing a larger number of projects related to industrial development under the two components of the United Nations Development Programme, taking into consideration the increasing flow of requests for such projects.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2408 (XXIII). Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme**

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note with satisfaction* of the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its fifth and sixth sessions.<sup>16</sup>

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2409 (XXIII). Promotion of follow-up investment**

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the measures taken by the United Nations Development Programme, in response to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2280 (XXII) of 4 December 1967, concerning the promotion of follow-up investment.<sup>17</sup>

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2410 (XXIII). United Nations Capital Development Fund**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967,

*Taking note* of the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its sixth session requesting the Administrator to continue his efforts to enable the United Nations Capital Development Fund to begin operations,<sup>18</sup>

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, annex VI.

<sup>16</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4451) and Supplement No. 6A (E/4545).*

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6A (E/4545), paras. 197-223.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 267.

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1350 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to identify specific projects in the programme of work of different organizations of the United Nations system which could benefit from investment within the scope of the existing resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

2. *Further endorses* Trade and Development Board resolution 42 (VII) of 17 September 1968,<sup>19</sup> in which the Board, *inter alia*, stressed the urgent need to begin operations of the United Nations Capital Development Fund as an important instrument within the United Nations system for aiding and accelerating the economic development of the developing countries, especially in the field of their investment activity;

3. *Decides* to continue the provisional arrangements, set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII), for the implementation of its resolution 2186 (XXI);

4. *Further decides* to review at its twenty-fourth session the institutional arrangements for the United Nations Capital Development Fund.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2411 (XXIII). International development strategy**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966, which envisaged the elaboration of an international development strategy for the 1970s,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2305 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, in which it decided to consider at its twenty-third session the appropriate procedures to be followed for proclaiming the 1970s the Second United Nations Development Decade and for approving a programme of action within the framework of an international development strategy for that Decade,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1356 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the United Nations Development Decade,

*Taking note* of Trade and Development Board resolution 47 (VII) of 21 September 1968,<sup>20</sup> in which the Board, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the important role that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development had to play within its competence in the combination of efforts within the United Nations family for the preparation of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recognizing* that the formulation of an international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade calls for a major co-operative effort and co-ordinated action on the part of the United Nations system of organizations under intergovernmental guidance,

*Noting with satisfaction* the preparatory work undertaken by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee for Development Planning and the organizations in the United Nations system, in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 2218 B (XXI) and 2305 (XXII),

<sup>19</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214)*, part II, annex I.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*

*Recognizing* that the primary responsibility for the economic development of developing countries rests on them and also that a fuller mobilization and more effective utilization of the domestic resources of these countries is possible only with concomitant and effective international action,

*Recognizing further* that the hope and confidence with which the task of the Second United Nations Development Decade can be approached will depend to a considerable extent on the achievements during the transitional period before the commencement of the Decade,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to enlarge its Economic Committee by twenty-seven States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to be designated annually, until the preparatory work has been completed, by the President of the General Assembly, keeping in view the composition of the Economic and Social Council, equitable geographical distribution and the need to ensure the maximum degree of continuity;

2. *Decides* that the enlarged Economic Committee shall be the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade and to this end shall be responsible to the General Assembly and shall report to it, through the Economic and Social Council, in conformity with the Council's responsibilities for co-ordination under the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Instructs* the Preparatory Committee:

(a) To prepare, on the basis of the relevant studies, conclusions and proposals formulated—within their respective fields of competence—by the bodies and organizations in the United Nations system and taking into account the comments made by Governments of Member States, a draft of an international development strategy for the 1970s, which would enunciate, within a comprehensive, coherent and integrated framework, the goals and objectives, both general and sectoral, as well as concerted policy measures at the national, regional and international levels, to realize these goals and objectives;

(b) To make suggestions on an evaluation and implementation mechanism for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to assist the Preparatory Committee in the fulfilment of its task, to utilize the expertise available in, and the preparatory work already accomplished by, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to convene the meetings of the Committee for Development Planning as often as necessary to expedite the work of the Preparatory Committee and to submit such views and contributions as he may deem appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to continue its efforts to reach the maximum degree of agreement on issues which were remitted to it by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session and which are of basic importance for the elaboration of the international development strategy for the 1970s;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations in the United Nations system to accelerate their preparatory

work for the Second United Nations Development Decade and bring their sectoral plans into phase with the Decade;

7. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to assist the Preparatory Committee in the performance of its task, as appropriate;

8. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to establish its programme of work and calendar of meetings in such a manner as to be able to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, a preliminary draft of an international development strategy, as envisaged in paragraph 3 (a) above, with a view to finalizing the draft early in 1970;

9. *Further requests* the Preparatory Committee to communicate its programme of work and calendar of meetings to Governments and all concerned organizations in the United Nations system to facilitate their contribution, in time, to the formulation of an international development strategy;

10. *Decides* that the meetings of the Preparatory Committee shall be held, as appropriate, in New York and Geneva;

11. *Stresses* the need for developing countries to intensify their efforts to accelerate their economic and social development and the need for the developed countries to supplement their efforts by concomitant measures aimed at realizing the development objective common to the world community as a whole;

12. *Invites* Governments of Member States to contribute effectively, through appropriate national and international bodies, to the preparatory work for the Second United Nations Development Decade and to communicate to the Secretary-General, for submission to the Preparatory Committee, any views they may have on the formulation of the preliminary draft of an international development strategy;

13. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1357 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on the mobilization of public opinion in developed and developing countries regarding the Second United Nations Development Decade;

14. *Welcomes* the contributions which the various intergovernmental organizations not within the United Nations system can bring to the preparation of the Second United Nations Development Decade.

1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.

\*  
\* \* \*

*The Economic Committee, which is referred to in paragraph 1 of the above resolution, consists of the full membership of the Economic and Social Council for 1969: ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA,<sup>21</sup> CHAD, CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE), FRANCE, GUATEMALA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRELAND, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KUWAIT, LIBYA, MEXICO, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, SIERRA LEONE, SUDAN, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS,<sup>22</sup> UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UPPER VOLTA, URUGUAY and YUGOSLAVIA.*

*The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of paragraph 1 of the above resolution and taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1388 (XLV) of 19 December 1958, designated the following additional States:<sup>23</sup>*

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 37, document A/7491.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7490.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, documents A/7269 and Add.1 and 2.

ALGERIA, BRAZIL, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC,<sup>24</sup> CAMEROON, CANADA, CEYLON, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, IRAN, ITALY, LEBANON, MAURITIUS, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, POLAND,<sup>25</sup> ROMANIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and VENEZUELA.

### 2412 (XXIII). International Education Year

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2306 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, by which it decided to observe an International Education Year and provisionally designated the year 1970 for this purpose,

Noting with satisfaction Economic and Social Council resolution 1355 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, particularly the invitation to all the United Nations agencies, bodies and organs to participate in the preparation of programmes of concerted action within the context of an over-all strategy for development during the next decade and in close co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Noting with appreciation that consultations between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the interested specialized agencies have taken place and that the International Education Year was reviewed at a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in October 1968,

Noting with appreciation the resolution on the International Education Year adopted on 19 November 1968 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its fifteenth session, and in particular the fact that the organization would assume primary responsibility for the preparation and execution of an international concerted programme,

Recognizing that education in a broad sense is an indispensable factor in the development of human resources which is essential to ensure the attainment of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Decides* to designate 1970 as International Education Year;

2. *Endorses* the programme of action for the International Education Year set out in the resolution adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and described in the reports submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council<sup>26</sup> and the General Assembly;<sup>27</sup>

3. *Recommends* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to take stock of the situation with respect to education and training in their countries and to plan and initiate or stimulate action and studies linked to the objectives and themes of the International Education Year in the context of their preparation for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to provide within

available resources all possible assistance to Governments, especially those of the developing countries, in their efforts to pursue the objectives formulated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the International Education Year;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, on the progress achieved by the organizations of the United Nations family in the preparations for the International Education Year.

1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.

### 2413 (XXIII). Exploitation and conservation of living marine resources

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2172 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 requesting the Secretary-General to prepare proposals for ensuring the most effective arrangements for an expanded programme of international co-operation to assist in a better understanding of the marine environment through science, and for the development of marine resources, with due regard for the conservation of fish stocks,

Having considered the report entitled "Resources of the sea beyond the continental shelf"<sup>28</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General under Economic and Social Council resolution 1112 (XL) of 7 March 1966 and the report entitled "Marine science and technology: survey and proposals"<sup>29</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 2172 (XXI),

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1381 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

Taking into account the valuable and extensive work accomplished and being carried out in this field by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Committee on Fisheries, and by other specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations concerned, striving towards an increase in the world's food production,

Deeply concerned that a large proportion of the world's population continues to suffer from malnutrition and notably from lack of protein,

Mindful of the importance of the living resources of the sea as one of mankind's most important food resources,

Realizing the increasing importance of maximizing the sustainable yield of living marine resources through conservation and rational development,

Aware of the grave danger of the over-exploitation and depletion of these resources, to which the rapid progress in fisheries technology is contributing,

1. *Invites* Governments of Member States to increase international co-operation in the field of development and exploitation of living marine resources outside the limits of national jurisdiction, having regard to the special needs and interests of the developing countries and with particular emphasis on the need for rational exploitation and conservation of fish stocks, taking into account the valuable work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7492.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7493.

<sup>26</sup> E/4518.

<sup>27</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 38, documents A/7239 and Add.1.

<sup>28</sup> E/4449 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>29</sup> E/4487 and Corr.1-6 and Add.1.

its Committee on Fisheries and also of regional and other specialized fishery bodies;

2. *Urges* the United Nations specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned to take measures for the further improvement of international collaboration, in relation to fisheries development and conservation, and of technical assistance, where requested by developing countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and in consultation with Governments of States Members of the United Nations and with other international organizations concerned, to report to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session on the specific measures which have been taken by Governments of Member States and by the international organizations concerned in the implementation of the present resolution, and requests the Economic and Social Council to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.

#### 2414 (XXIII). International co-operation on questions related to the oceans

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the considerations set forth in its resolution 2172 (XXI) of 6 December 1966,

*Considering* the growing interest of the world community in problems related to the oceans, as they hold promise of providing a rapidly developing world with increasingly needed resources,

*Being aware* that the present knowledge of the ocean and its resources and of the marine environment is limited and incomplete,

*Recognizing* the need for extensive exploration and research in order to develop the wealth of the sea for the benefit of all mankind, irrespective of the geographical location of States, taking into account the special needs and interests of developing countries,

*Having given* preliminary consideration to the report entitled "Marine science and technology: survey and proposals"<sup>30</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 2172 (XXI),

*Taking into account* the comments of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>31</sup>

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1380 (XLV), 1381 (XLV) and 1382 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

*Recalling* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,<sup>32</sup>

*Taking into account* the activities in this field at present being carried out by the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Committee on Fisheries, the World Meteorological Organization and its Panel on Meteorological Aspects of Ocean Affairs, the Inter-

Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other specialized agencies, and also intergovernmental organizations, various Governments, universities, scientific and technical institutes and other non-governmental organizations,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Marine science and technology: survey and proposals";

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to review further this report at its forty-seventh session, taking into account such views as may be expressed by Governments of Member States, by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;<sup>33</sup>

3. *Endorses* the concept of a co-ordinated long-term programme of oceanographic research designed to assist in a better understanding of the marine environment through science and to increase, in the interests of world economic development, the resources available to all the people of the world;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session a comprehensive outline of the scope of this long-term programme, taking into account such scientific recommendations as may be formulated by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization within its terms of reference and in co-operation with other interested international organizations;

5. *Recommends* that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission should consider strengthening the existing marine educational and training programmes and initiating new programmes in connexion with the implementation of the long-term programme of oceanographic research;

6. *Recommends* further improvement of international co-operation in relation to fisheries development and conservation, taking into account the important role played by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Committee on Fisheries as well as the work of regional and other specialized fishery bodies;

7. *Invites* Member States and organizations dealing with marine pollution, especially the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to promote the adoption of effective international agreements on the prevention and control of marine pollution as may be necessary;

8. *Recognizes* the importance of the meteorological aspects of ocean science and calls upon the World Meteorological Organization to continue its activities in this field in close co-operation with other interested organizations;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, to consider the possibility of extending technical assistance services to the Governments of Member States which may request them in relation to the development of mineral resources of their continental shelf areas;

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>31</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/7264.*

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, agenda item 26, document A/7230.*

<sup>33</sup> Established by the General Assembly on 21 December 1968 under its resolution 2467 (XXIII). See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Second Committee, 1246th meeting, para. 3.*



10. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to pursue the task of collecting and disseminating available information regarding the mineral and other resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and techniques appropriate for their development and of providing the assistance which the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction may request for the solution of related issues;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and its Committee on Fisheries, the World Meteorological Organization, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organizations concerned, to report, through appropriate channels, to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2415 (XXIII). External financing of economic development of the developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2170 (XXI) of 6 December 1966 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1183 (XLI) of 5 August 1966,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2274 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 on the flow of external resources to developing countries and 2276 (XXII) of 4 December 1967 dealing with the outflow of capital from developing countries and debt-servicing burdens of these countries,

*Taking note* of decisions 27 (II) on the aid volume target<sup>34</sup> and 29 (II) on improving the terms and conditions of aid and alleviating the problems of external indebtedness<sup>35</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 28 March 1968,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the external financing of economic development of the developing countries,<sup>36</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* that some developed countries have reached and even surpassed the 1 per cent target as defined in decision 27 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and that others have announced definite time-tables for the acceleration of the flow of assistance, have set up subsidiary targets for official flow and have made provision for future annual increases in official budgetary allocations for assistance in order to reach the target within the time-limits accepted by them,

*Noting with concern* that:

(a) In recent years the flow of financial resources from developed to developing countries has remained

<sup>34</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 38.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 40.

<sup>36</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.10; *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 7, documents E/4495 and E/4512.

relatively stagnant and that there has been a declining trend in the transfer of resources as a proportion of the gross national product of developed countries,

(b) Certain advanced countries have not so far been able to accept the aid volume target as defined in decision 27 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

(c) In recent years there has been an increase in the degree of tying aid to procurement from donor countries,

(d) The reverse flow of financial resources on account of debt service from developing to developed countries further increased in 1966 and 1967 and it has been estimated that, if current trends of borrowing and repayment continue, net lending would become negative by 1970,<sup>37</sup>

(e) Fifteen months after the termination of the period for which the first replenishment was intended, the second replenishment of the International Development Association has not materialized and that this has impeded the efforts of planned economic development of a number of developing countries,

(f) The inability of multilateral financial institutions and multilateral development programmes to attain their resource target threatens to undermine their ability to render their tasks satisfactorily and, in certain instances, hampers their functioning in a continuing and steady manner,

1. *Endorses* decision 27 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which includes the recommendation that each economically advanced country should endeavour to provide developing countries annually with a financial resources transfer of a minimum net amount of 1 per cent of its gross national product at market prices in terms of actual disbursements, having regard to the special position of those countries which are net importers of capital;

2. *Recommends* that, as a key element of the international development policy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, economically advanced countries which have not already done so should accept 1972 as the target year for the attainment of the aid volume target, as defined in decision 27 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and take urgent appropriate action to achieve this objective;

3. *Further recommends* that efforts should continue to be made to reach agreement on a target for net official financial resources transfers within the 1 per cent target;

4. *Endorses* decision 29 (II) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on improving the terms and conditions of aid and alleviating the problems of external indebtedness, and urges developed countries to exert maximum efforts to implement this decision;

5. *Strongly appeals* to Governments of States members of the International Development Association to make the second replenishment of the Association effective from early 1969;

6. *Requests* Member States to give long-term pledges, whenever possible, and to consider seriously other proposals to enable international financial institutions, international development programmes and relevant

<sup>37</sup> See E/4539, para. 7.

United Nations bodies to maintain and further expand their activities on a continuing basis.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

**2416 (XXIII). Increase in the production and use of edible protein**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1257 (XLIII) of 2 August 1967 and General Assembly resolution 2319 (XXII) of 15 December 1967 on an increase in the production and use of edible protein,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the protein problem,<sup>38</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the comments on the Secretary-General's report by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,<sup>39</sup> by the Directors-General of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations<sup>40</sup> and by the Protein Advisory Group of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund,<sup>41</sup>

*Concerned* at the continuing gravity and the growing dimensions of the protein problem in the developing countries, affecting the well-being of mankind,

*Stressing* the urgent need to increase public awareness, at the national and international levels, of the damage caused by protein malnutrition and to give wide support to the activities aimed at alleviating this problem,

*Believing* that, in order to achieve positive and lasting results in solving the protein problem, sustained and concerted national and international efforts are required on the part of Governments, scientists, institutions and industry—both public and private—and private foundations, in both developed and developing countries,

*Considering* the need of the developing countries to have, in the most economical manner, access to the latest technological advances for protein enrichment of their foods,

*Recognizing* the complexities involved in, and the long-term nature of, the protein problem in the context of development,

*Believing* that further and fresh efforts are necessary for dealing with the protein problem, the solution of which requires an integrated approach involving economic, managerial, social and scientific considerations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the Secretary-General's report on the protein problem;

2. *Takes note also* of the comments on this subject made at the resumed forty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council;<sup>42</sup>

3. *Considers* that the momentum generated by the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development entitled *Feeding the Expanding World Population: International*

<sup>38</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/4592.*

<sup>39</sup> E/4592/Add.2.

<sup>40</sup> E/4592/Add.3, Add.3/Corr.1, and Add.4.

<sup>41</sup> E/4592/Add.1.

<sup>42</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3A (A/7203/Add.1), chapter IV.*

*Action to Avert the Impending Protein Crisis*<sup>43</sup> and by the action taken by the Secretary-General thereafter should be sustained and that appropriate national and international efforts on the protein problem should be further promoted, *inter alia*, by:

(a) Finding the means of marshalling the capabilities and resources of developed countries for solving the protein problem;

(b) Strengthening links between interested institutions in developed and developing countries and promoting the exchange of information and expertise in activities aimed at closing the protein gap;

(c) Mobilizing, in both developed and developing countries, the support for concerted action on the part of Governments, scientists, institutions and industry—both public and private—and private foundations;

(d) Increasing public awareness of the importance of the protein content of food and the need to adopt dietary habits based on a sufficient consumption of protein;

(e) Identifying for each region and for as many countries as possible, on the basis of the respective socio-economic conditions and structures and the availability of human, natural and scientific resources, critical sectors deserving immediate and concerted efforts;

(f) Promoting co-operation among developing countries in the protein field and achieving the maximum utilization of national and regional research institutions;

(g) Promoting the adoption of an integrated approach to the protein problem at the national level in the developing countries;

(h) Promoting international co-operation in the transfer of technology to developing countries and the training of personnel in this field;

(i) Evolving new methods and revising and improving present methods used at the international level for the collection, classification, evaluation and dissemination of information on critical aspects of the protein problem;

(j) Studying, on an interdisciplinary basis at the national and regional levels, the application of modern management techniques to the protein problem confronting developing countries;

4. *Welcomes* the action taken by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund in expanding the scope and functions of the Protein Advisory Group as endorsed by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with interested organizations in the United Nations system and with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development:

(a) To propose, from time to time, appropriate measures for intensifying action in the areas indicated in paragraph 3 above, as well as for increasing and improving the production and consumption of protein from natural and conventional sources;

(b) To continue his efforts aimed at increasing public awareness of and concern about protein malnutrition;

<sup>43</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIII.2.

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with interested organizations in the United Nations system, to prepare and submit, from time to time, to the General Assembly—through the Economic and Social Council—and to other interested organs, reports on the progress being made towards the solution of the protein problem, the first such report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

7. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other interested organizations in the United Nations system to include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council special reference to the work done by their organizations to increase the production and use of edible protein;

8. *Invites* the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the regional economic commissions and the Economic and Social Office in Beirut to give their full support and co-operation to international efforts to solve the protein problem, and to provide the Secretary-General with information for the reports requested in paragraph 6 above;

9. *Urges* Governments of Member States to make use of the expertise and advice of the agencies concerned in formulating their development plans for implementing as far as possible the specific proposals contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

10. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to provide developing countries with the appropriate specialized services required for the preparation and implementation of development projects aimed at increasing the production and consumption of protein;

11. *Invites* the interested organizations within the United Nations system to examine the ways and means of increasing the resources for expanding their activities in the protein field;

12. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development to relate its work in the protein field to the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade and invites other interested organizations of the United Nations system, as a contribution to the Decade, to accelerate their work on objectives and measures designed to narrow the protein gap significantly by the end of the 1970s.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

**2417 (XXIII). Outflow of trained professional and technical personnel at all levels from the developing to the developed countries, its causes, its consequences and practical remedies for the problems resulting from it**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the development and utilization of human resources, 2090 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2259 (XXII) of 3 November 1967 on training national technical personnel for the accelerated industrialization of the developing countries and 2320 (XXII) of

15 December 1967 on the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1090 A (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965 and 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources and taking into account the views expressed by the Council, at its forty-fifth session, on the Secretary-General's report on the development and utilization of human resources in developing countries,<sup>44</sup> in particular the section of the report dealing with the migration of highly trained personnel from the developing countries,

*Noting with concern* that highly trained personnel from the developing countries continue to emigrate at an increasing rate to certain developed countries, which in some cases may hinder the process of economic and social development in the developing countries,

*Considering* that among the main causes of the "brain drain" from the developing countries are the technological and economic gaps existing between them and the developed countries and that there is a need to take appropriate interim action at both the national and international levels, until these gaps have been bridged, to tackle the problems resulting from the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries,

*Noting further* that many developing countries are not yet technically equipped to assess adequately the magnitude and characteristics of the outflow of their trained personnel,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General on the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries<sup>45</sup> and of the important contribution made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to the preparation of this study and invites Member States to consider its conclusions and suggestions;

2. *Reiterates* its recommendation that the United Nations, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency intensify their support for the efforts of the Governments of developing countries to create or expand local training institutions;

3. *Draws the attention* of the developing countries to the need to plan for:

(a) The expansion and reorientation, as appropriate, of educational and other facilities for the training of technical personnel in accordance with their development requirements;

(b) Ensuring the proper utilization of the expertise and skill of their trained personnel;

4. *Recommends* that developed countries should cooperate in taking appropriate measures with a view to reducing the adverse effects of the outflow of trained personnel from the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake, in consultation with Governments of Member States concerned and taking into account, as appropriate, the work being done by the specialized agencies, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and other interested organizations and organs of the United Nations system, selective studies of a few developing countries which are seriously concerned with the "brain

<sup>44</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda items 9 and 10, documents E/4483 and Add.1 and 2.*

<sup>45</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 47, document A/7294.*

drain" problem, aimed at clarifying the problem, and in particular to assess its consequences for their economic development and to make appropriate recommendations for practical action at the national and international level in tackling this problem;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of the above studies and in co-operation with the specialized agencies, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to formulate suggestions for ways of tackling the problems arising from the outflow of trained personnel of all levels from developing to developed countries within the framework of the proposed strategy for development of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the case studies as well as his suggestions for action to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the appropriate organizations and programmes within the United Nations system to the need to assist the Governments of the developing countries which are Members of the United Nations, at their request, in improving their statistical and research activities aimed at assessing the magnitude and characteristics of the outflow of their trained personnel;

9. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and other interested organs and bodies of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General in strengthening co-ordination of research and operational activities of the United Nations in this field.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2418 (XXIII). One day of war for peace**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the draft resolution submitted to the Second Committee under the item "One day of war for peace",<sup>46</sup>

*Decides* to postpone the consideration of the item to the twenty-fourth session.

*1745th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1968.*

#### **2458 (XXIII). International co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the task entrusted to the United Nations under its Charter to promote international co-operation with a view to encouraging the economic and social development of all peoples,

*Recognizing* that international co-operation in the field of science and technology is essential in order to accelerate progress and narrow the gap between the developing countries and the economically advanced countries,

*Recalling* the relevant recommendations and conclusions adopted by the first United Nations Conference

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 92, document A/7393, para. 3.

on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas, as well as the resolutions of the various United Nations bodies on the subject,

*Noting* that the preparation of a programme clearly defining guidelines for the application of science and technology for the benefit of the developing countries, including the transfer of knowledge, is an important element of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Noting with satisfaction* the experience acquired in the United Nations system in the promotion of international co-operation in the fields of the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and the exploration of outer space, and aware of the need to extend that co-operation to other major fields of science and technology.

*Convinced* of the very special importance of computers, bearing in mind their increasing use and recognizing the beneficial effects and direct impact which the use of those technical processes may have in accelerating the progress of vital economic and social sectors, such as the planning and programming of industry, transport, agriculture and urban construction,

*Convinced* that it is in the interest of all countries, and particularly of the developing countries, to strengthen international co-operation in this field and actively to encourage the use of computer techniques and modern technology on a world-wide scale,

*Noting* the efforts undertaken by the organs of the United Nations, and more particularly the Statistical Commission and the Economic Commission for Europe, and by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and other scientific and technical governmental and non-governmental organizations with regard to the use of computers for development purposes,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1365 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 concerning the application of electronic techniques for automatic data storage, processing and retrieval in the United Nations system,

*Considering* that the United Nations can make a useful contribution to the efforts of Member States to introduce the science and technology of data processing in dealing with the major objectives of their economic and social development,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and with whatever further collaboration may prove necessary, to prepare a report which will give special consideration to the situation of the developing countries with regard to:

(a) The results already obtained and the needs and prospects for the use of electronic computers in accelerating the process of economic and social development;

(b) The various forms which international action may take to intensify co-operation in the field of computers;

(c) The role which the United Nations can play in promoting international co-operation in that field, with emphasis on questions concerning the transfer of technology, the training of personnel and technical equipment;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to consult Member States, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned, and invites them to co-operate with the Secretary-General in carrying out the task entrusted to him under the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider the report of the Secretary-General at one of its 1970 sessions and to transmit the report with its comments to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

#### **2459 (XXIII). The role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking into consideration* the necessity of mobilizing all means aimed at the economic and social development of individual countries, and in particular developing countries,

*Recognizing* the important role of the co-operative movement in the development of various fields of production and distribution, including agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, manufacturing, housing, credit institutions, education and health services,

*Recognizing* that the promotion of the co-operative movement in accordance with local needs could contribute to the implementation of the goals of the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recognizing also* that a lack of skilled and experienced personnel is at present one of the most important obstacles to the development of the co-operative movement in developing countries,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider, in connexion with the preparations for the Second United Nations Development Decade, the question of the role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development;

2. *Invites* Member States that have traditions and experience in that regard to provide increasing help, including staff teaching, to developing countries which request it in the field of co-operative movement;

3. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation, other specialized agencies concerned and the International Co-operative Alliance to render increased assistance within their possibilities in the realization of the objectives of the present resolution.

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

#### **2460 (XXIII). Human resources for development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1353 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, in which the Council recognized the great contribution that the enthusiasm and energy of youth everywhere and their concern for peace and justice can make to the realization of the ideals and purposes of the United Nations, in particular with regard to economic and social development and human rights,

*Recalling also* Commission for Social Development resolution 1 (XIX) of 19 February 1968,<sup>47</sup> in which the Commission, *inter alia*, recommended that high priority should be given to proposals to promote ways of enlisting popular participation in development and to involve more actively all groups of the population,

*Convinced* that the United Nations could respond imaginatively to the desire of individuals—and in particular of youth, irrespective of country, class, race, religion, sex, age, economic level or social status—to dedicate a certain period of their lives to the cause of development, and could offer them a positive means of translating their concern for their fellow-men into an effective force for economic and social progress throughout the world,

*Requests* the Economic and Social Council to study the feasibility of creating an international corps of volunteers for development and to include in its annual report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, if possible, appropriate conclusions and recommendations deriving from its study.

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

#### **2461 (XXIII). International monetary reform**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2208 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 entitled "International monetary reform" in which, *inter alia*, it recognized the need for a reform of the international monetary system that would make it more responsive to the requirements of the economic growth of both developed and developing countries,

*Welcoming* the agreement reached during the 1967 annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund on the establishment in the Fund of a new facility based on special drawing rights to meet the need, as and when it arises, for a supplement to existing reserve assets,

*Noting* decision 32 (II) taken on 28 March 1968 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session,<sup>48</sup>

*Taking into account* the report of the Executive Directors of the International Monetary Fund<sup>49</sup> containing the proposed amendment of the Fund's Articles of Agreement, which established the special drawing rights facility and introduced certain changes in the Fund's rules and practices,

*Calls upon* the Governments of the States members of the International Monetary Fund to take the necessary steps for the early ratification and activation of the special drawing rights facility, which is intended to improve the functioning of the world economy, including, *inter alia*, the provision of additional resources to developing countries.

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/4467)*, para. 51.

<sup>48</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 43.

<sup>49</sup> International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report, 1968* (Washington, D.C.); transmitted by a note of the Secretary-General (E/4596).

**2462 (XXIII). Multilateral food aid**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 2096 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2300 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 on the programme of studies on multilateral food aid,

Recalling also the Declaration on the World Food Problem<sup>50</sup> adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its second session,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>51</sup> prepared in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and in consultation with the executive heads of the other agencies and programmes concerned,

Taking note also of the report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development entitled *Feeding the Expanding World Population: International Action to Avert the Impending Protein Crisis*,<sup>52</sup>

Bearing in mind the discussion on multilateral food aid at the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and at the forty-third session of its Committee on Commodity Problems,

Aware of the encouraging recent improvements in the food production prospects of some developing countries with a food deficit, especially through programmes based on the wider adoption of high-yielding cereal varieties,

Bearing in mind also, however, that it is essential to keep under review within the framework of the Second United Nations Development Decade the progress made towards the solution of the world food problem and, in this context, the capacity of primary-exporting countries and developed countries to sustain an expanded programme of food aid, due account being taken of the special circumstances of food-importing donor countries,

1. *Reaffirms* that the ultimate solution of the food problem of the developing countries lies in increased production in the developing countries with a food deficit, in the context of their general economic development, with the co-operation of the developed countries;

2. *Recognizes* that, in view of the continuing need for food transfers as a measure of temporary assistance to the developing countries until they have solved their food problems and for a degree of planning to ensure that the supplies required are available, and taking into account moreover the existence of surpluses, an opportunity now exists for food aid operations to become more purposeful and efficient, and to this end stresses the importance of:

(a) Food aid for humanitarian purposes as well as a contribution to economic and social progress in countries with a food deficit and for emergency requirements, including the need to overcome the problem of nutritional deficiency;

(b) Assistance to the developing countries in their efforts to increase food production through the modernization of the agricultural sector;

<sup>50</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), annex I, declaration 9 (II).

<sup>51</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 2, document E/4538.

<sup>52</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIII.2.

(c) The principle that the benefits of food aid should accrue mainly to the developing countries with a food deficit, bearing in mind their limited purchasing capacity, with appropriate regard to the trade interests of the food-exporting countries, especially the developing countries, in conformity with the principles of surplus disposal of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(d) The role of international arrangements designed, where appropriate, to combine the pursuit of objectives of commodity price stabilization at an equitable and remunerative level, with measures to provide food aid for developing countries;

3. *Considers* that the special competence and experience of the World Food Programme should be brought to bear in co-operation with interested organizations of the United Nations system in the further adaptation of multilateral food aid operations to meet the needs which arise;

4. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to attain the target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme;

5. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the executive heads of other interested organizations, to give consideration to the possible ways, including the suggestions contained in the Secretary-General's report, of making appraisals of prospective food deficits and food aid needs and of ensuring that sufficient food-stuffs are available to cope with unforeseen urgent situations, and to report as appropriate to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Requests* the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme:

(a) To review the relevant parts of the Secretary-General's report and other recent studies on the subject of food aid prepared within the United Nations system;

(b) To submit recommendations, especially with a view to assisting in the preparation of the Second United Nations Development Decade, on those aspects of the food aid question which in its view might guide the activities of Member States and of the competent international organizations in helping to solve the world food problem;

(c) To consider in this respect ways and means of improving its own food aid programme commensurate with prospective needs in this field, with due regard to experience gained to date, including allocations to the World Food Programme under the Food Aid Convention of the International Grains Arrangement,<sup>53</sup> taking into account the relevant proposals contained in the Secretary-General's report and the need to utilize effectively donations of food-stuffs which become available at short notice, subject to the rules of procedure of the World Food Programme;

(d) To continue its examination of the considerations involved in the question of including forms of aid in kind other than food in the resources of the World Food Programme, the potential availability of such pledges and the manner in which requests might be assessed;

<sup>53</sup> See *International Wheat Conference, 1967* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.5).

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with other interested agencies and programmes, to provide assistance as required to the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee in the discharge of its mandate;

8. *Further requests* that a progress report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee falling within the terms of the present resolution be presented, if possible, for consideration to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its fifty-second session and the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session,

with the final report being submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its forty-ninth session;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the executive heads of other interested agencies and programmes, to keep under review, in the context of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the evolution of the food problem in developing countries and the progress made towards its solution, bearing in mind that this would require an integrated approach.

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

\* \* \*

### *Other decisions*

#### **Report of the Economic and Social Council**

##### **(Item 12)**

At its 1751st plenary meeting, on 20 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 25 of the report of the Second Committee<sup>54</sup> concerning the proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 40 of the report of the Second Committee<sup>54</sup> concerning the organization of work of the Committee.

#### **Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Trade and Development Board**

##### **(Item 34)**

At its 1741st plenary meeting, on 13 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>55</sup> as set forth in paragraph 13 of the report of the Second Committee,<sup>56</sup> to revise the lists annexed to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 to include the following States:

In list A: BOTSWANA, GAMBIA, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MALDIVE ISLANDS, MAURITIUS, SINGAPORE, SOUTHERN YEMEN and ZAMBIA.

In list B: MALTA.

In list C: BARBADOS and GUYANA.

\* \* \*

*As a result of the above decision, the list of States eligible for membership in the Trade and Development Board will be as follows:*

#### A. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (a) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1995 (XIX)

Afghanistan	Cameroon	Congo (Democratic Republic of)
Algeria	Central African Republic	Dahomey
Botswana	Ceylon	Ethiopia
Burma	Chad	Gabon
Burundi	China	Gambia
Cambodia	Congo (Brazzaville)	

<sup>54</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document A/7426.*

<sup>55</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 57.

<sup>56</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/7383/Add.1.*

Ghana	Malaysia	Singapore
Guinea	Maldives Islands	Somalia
India	Mali	South Africa
Indonesia	Mauritania	Southern Yemen
Iran	Mauritius	Sudan
Iraq	Mongolia	Syria
Israel	Morocco	Thailand
Ivory Coast	Nepal	Togo
Jordan	Niger	Tunisia
Kenya	Nigeria	Uganda
Kuwait	Pakistan	United Arab Republic
Laos	Philippines	United Republic of Tanzania
Lebanon	Republic of Korea	Upper Volta
Lesotho	Republic of Viet-Nam	Western Samoa
Liberia	Rwanda	Yemen
Libya	Saudi Arabia	Yugoslavia
Madagascar	Senegal	Zambia
Malawi	Sierra Leone	

## B. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (b)

Australia	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Italy	Spain
Canada	Japan	Sweden
Cyprus	Liechtenstein	Switzerland
Denmark	Luxembourg	Turkey
Federal Republic of Germany	Malta	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Finland	Monaco	Ireland
France	Netherlands	United States of America
Greece	New Zealand	
Holy See	Norway	

## C. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (c)

Argentina	Dominican Republic	Mexico
Barbados	Ecuador	Nicaragua
Bolivia	El Salvador	Panama
Brazil	Guatemala	Paraguay
Chile	Guyana	Peru
Colombia	Haiti	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Honduras	Uruguay
Cuba	Jamaica	Venezuela

## D. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (d)

Albania	Czechoslovakia	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Bulgaria	Hungary	Republic
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Poland	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Romania	

**United Nations Development Decade****(Item 37)**

At its 1730th plenary meeting, on 29 November 1968, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Second Committee contained in paragraph 5 of part I of its report.<sup>57</sup>

At its 1745th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of part III of the report of the Second Committee.<sup>58</sup>

**Operational activities for development****(Item 44)**

At its 1745th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,<sup>59</sup> decided to authorize the United Nations Development Programme to provide operational personnel, at the request of Governments, as an integral part of the assistance normally provided by it.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly took note of the information contained in the note by the Secretary-General concerning the administrative arrangements with regard to the top echelon of the United Nations Development Programme.<sup>60</sup>

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 37, document A/7345.

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7345/Add.2.

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 44, document A/7331, para. 8.

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7378.



## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

## CONTENTS

<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
2378 (XXIII)	Assistance to Iran in connexion with the earthquake of August 1968 (A/7286) .....	48	23 October 1968	40
2391 (XXIII)	Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity (A/7342) .....	55	26 November 1968	40
	Annex .....			40
2392 (XXIII)	Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity (A/7342) .....	55	26 November 1968	41
2393 (XXIII)	Capital punishment (A/7303) .....	59	26 November 1968	41
2394 (XXIII)	Capital punishment in southern Africa (A/7303) .....	59	26 November 1968	42
2399 (XXIII)	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/7369) .....	51	6 December 1968	42
2432 (XXIII)	United Nations Children's Fund (A/7448) .....	12	19 December 1968	43
2433 (XXIII)	International control of psychotropic substances (A/7448) .....	12	19 December 1968	43
2434 (XXIII)	Technical assistance in the field of narcotics (A/7448) .....	12	19 December 1968	44
2435 (XXIII)	Assistance in cases of natural disaster (A/7286/Add.1) .....	48	19 December 1968	44
2436 (XXIII)	World social situation (A/7388) .....	49	19 December 1968	45
2437 (XXIII)	Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/7434) .....	56	19 December 1968	46
2438 (XXIII)	Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance (A/7435) .....	57	19 December 1968	47
2439 (XXIII)	Measures for effectively combating racial discrimination and the policies of <i>apartheid</i> and segregation in southern Africa (A/7447) .....	58	19 December 1968	47
2440 (XXIII)	Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts on the treatment of political prisoners in South Africa (A/7447) .....	58	19 December 1968	48
2441 (XXIII)	International Year for Human Rights (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	49
2442 (XXIII)	International Conference on Human Rights (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	49
2443 (XXIII)	Respect for and implementation of human rights in occupied territories (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	50
2444 (XXIII)	Respect for human rights in armed conflicts (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	50
2445 (XXIII)	Teaching in schools of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, with particular reference to human rights (A/7433) .....	62 and 90	19 December 1968	51
2446 (XXIII)	Measures to achieve the rapid and total elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in general and of the policy of <i>apartheid</i> in particular (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	51
2447 (XXIII)	Education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	52
2448 (XXIII)	Freedom of information (A/7433) .....	60 and 62	19 December 1968	52
2449 (XXIII)	Legal aid (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	53
2450 (XXIII)	Human rights and scientific and technological developments (A/7433) .....	62	19 December 1968	54
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Draft Declaration on Social Development .....	50	6 December 1968	54
	Housing, building and planning .....	52	19 December 1968	54
	Town twinning as a means of international co-operation .....	53	19 December 1968	54
	Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance .....	54	19 December 1968	54
	Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights .....	61	19 December 1968	54
	International Year for Human Rights .....	62	2 December 1968	55

### 2378 (XXIII). Assistance to Iran in connexion with the earthquake of August 1968

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with deep regret* the tragic consequences of the severe earthquake in Iran, which caused the death of some 10,000 persons and devastation over an area of more than 5,000 square kilometres, including the complete destruction of ten towns and 170 villages,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

*Noting* the energetic and urgent measures taken by the Government of Iran to provide relief for the victims of the earthquake and to restore normal living conditions in the devastated areas,

*Noting also* the plans prepared by the Government of Iran for the reconstruction of the devastated areas,

*Aware* of the very high cost of the realization of these plans,

*Further noting with appreciation* the assistance rendered to the victims of this disaster by many nations, the United Nations family of organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Iran regarding this catastrophe;

2. *Invites* Member States and non-governmental organizations to consider ways and means of rendering whatever further assistance they may be in a position to offer to the Government of Iran;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the heads of the specialized agencies, the Executive Directors of the World Food Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in the light of the funds available, to bear in mind the needs of the Government of Iran in connexion with its plans for the reconstruction of the devastated areas when deciding on the services to be provided to Member States.

*1705th plenary meeting,  
23 October 1968.*

### 2391 (XXIII). Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the draft Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity,

*Adopts* and opens for signature, ratification and accession the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution.

*1727th plenary meeting,  
26 November 1968.*

#### ANNEX

#### Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity

##### PREAMBLE

*The States Parties to the present Convention,*

*Recalling* resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 170 (II) of 31 October

1947 on the extradition and punishment of war criminals, resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 affirming the principles of international law recognized by the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nürnberg, and the judgement of the Tribunal, and resolutions 2184 (XXI) of 12 December 1966 and 2202 (XXI) of 16 December 1966 which expressly condemned as crimes against humanity the violation of the economic and political rights of the indigenous population on the one hand and the policies of *apartheid* on the other,

*Recalling* resolutions of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations 1074 D (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 and 1158 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 on the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity,

*Noting* that none of the solemn declarations, instruments or conventions relating to the prosecution and punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity made provision for a period of limitation,

*Considering* that war crimes and crimes against humanity are among the gravest crimes in international law,

*Convinced* that the effective punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity is an important element in the prevention of such crimes, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the encouragement of confidence, the furtherance of co-operation among peoples and the promotion of international peace and security,

*Noting* that the application to war crimes and crimes against humanity of the rules of municipal law relating to the period of limitation for ordinary crimes is a matter of serious concern to world public opinion, since it prevents the prosecution and punishment of persons responsible for those crimes,

*Recognizing* that it is necessary and timely to affirm in international law, through this Convention, the principle that there is no period of limitation for war crimes and crimes against humanity, and to secure its universal application,

*Have agreed* as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

No statutory limitation shall apply to the following crimes, irrespective of the date of their commission:

(a) War crimes as they are defined in the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nürnberg, of 8 August 1945 and confirmed by resolutions 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, particularly the "grave breaches" enumerated in the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of war victims;

(b) Crimes against humanity whether committed in time of war or in time of peace as they are defined in the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nürnberg, of 8 August 1945 and confirmed by resolutions 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, eviction by armed attack or occupation and inhuman acts resulting from the policy of *apartheid*, and the crime of genocide as defined in the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, even if such acts do not constitute a violation of the domestic law of the country in which they were committed.

#### ARTICLE II

If any of the crimes mentioned in article I is committed, the provisions of this Convention shall apply to representatives of the State authority and private individuals who, as principals or accomplices, participate in or who directly incite others to the commission of any of those crimes, or who conspire to commit them, irrespective of the degree of completion, and to representatives of the State authority who tolerate their commission.

#### ARTICLE III

The States Parties to the present Convention undertake to adopt all necessary domestic measures, legislative or otherwise,

with a view to making possible the extradition, in accordance with international law, of the persons referred to in article II of this Convention.

## ARTICLE IV

The States Parties to the present Convention undertake to adopt, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, any legislative or other measures necessary to ensure that statutory or other limitations shall not apply to the prosecution and punishment of the crimes referred to in articles I and II of this Convention and that, where they exist, such limitations shall be abolished.

## ARTICLE V

This Convention shall, until 31 December 1969, be open for signature by any State Member of the United Nations or member of any of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, by any State Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, and by any other State which has been invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a Party to this Convention.

## ARTICLE VI

This Convention is subject to ratification. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

## ARTICLE VII

This Convention shall be open to accession by any State referred to in article V. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

## ARTICLE VIII

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. For each State ratifying this Convention or acceding to it after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of the deposit of its own instrument of ratification or accession.

## ARTICLE IX

1. After the expiry of a period of ten years from the date on which this Convention enters into force, a request for the revision of the Convention may be made at any time by any Contracting Party by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The General Assembly of the United Nations shall decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such a request.

## ARTICLE X

1. This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies of this Convention to all States referred to in article V.

3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States referred to in article V of the following particulars:

(a) Signatures of this Convention, and instruments of ratification and accession deposited under articles V, VI and VII;

(b) The date of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with article VIII;

(c) Communications received under article IX.

## ARTICLE XI

This Convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall bear the date of 26 November 1968.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized for that purpose, have signed this Convention.

## 2392 (XXIII). Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the fact that a draft optional protocol<sup>1</sup> to the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity<sup>2</sup> has been submitted,

*Noting* that the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity does not preclude the study of principles that may be affirmed in the future in determining the nature of tribunals constituted for the trial of persons accused of having committed war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*Believing* that this draft optional protocol raises issues that are closely related to the general question of international criminal jurisdiction,

*Recalling* its previous consideration of the question of international criminal jurisdiction,

*Recalling further* its decision at the 1676th plenary meeting not to include the item entitled "International criminal jurisdiction" in the agenda of its twenty-third session but to defer the item to a later session,

*Decides* to take up this draft optional protocol at such time as it resumes consideration of the question of international criminal jurisdiction, or at such other time as it deems appropriate.

*1727th plenary meeting,  
26 November 1968.*

## 2393 (XXIII). Capital punishment

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person,

*Recalling further* that article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

*Having considered* the report entitled *Capital Punishment*<sup>3</sup> in the light of the comments<sup>4</sup> thereon of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,<sup>5</sup> and the report entitled *Capital Punishment—Developments 1961 to 1965*,<sup>6</sup>

*Taking note* of the conclusion drawn by the Advisory Committee from the report entitled *Capital Punishment* that, if one looked at the whole problem of capital punishment in a historical perspective, it became clear that there was a world-wide tendency towards a considerable reduction in the number and categories of offences for which capital punishment might be imposed,

<sup>1</sup> A/C.3/L.1570/Rev.2.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 2391 (XXIII), annex.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.67.IV.15, part I.

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 11, document E/3724, section III.

<sup>5</sup> In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1086 B (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, the *Ad Hoc* Committee was established on a permanent basis as the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

<sup>6</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.67.IV.15, part II.

Taking note also of the view expressed in the report entitled *Capital Punishment—Developments 1961 to 1965* that there is an over-all tendency in the world towards fewer executions,

Taking note of the report of the meeting of the Consultative Group on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders held in August 1968, in so far as it relates to the question of capital punishment,<sup>7</sup> and of the view of the Group that there is a strong trend in most countries towards the abolition of capital punishment or at least towards fewer executions,

Desiring to promote further the dignity of man and thus to contribute to the International Year for Human Rights,

1. Invites Governments of Member States:

(a) To ensure the most careful legal procedures and the greatest possible safeguards for the accused in capital cases in countries where the death penalty obtains, *inter alia*, by providing that:

- (i) A person condemned to death shall not be deprived of the right to appeal to a higher judicial authority or, as the case may be, to petition for pardon or reprieve;
- (ii) A death sentence shall not be carried out until the procedures of appeal or, as the case may be, of petition for pardon or reprieve have been terminated;
- (iii) Special attention be given in the case of indigent persons by the provision of adequate legal assistance at all stages of the proceedings;

(b) To consider whether the careful legal procedures and safeguards referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above may not be further strengthened by the fixing of a time-limit or time-limits before the expiry of which no death sentence shall be carried out, as has already been recognized in certain international conventions dealing with specific situations;

(c) To inform the Secretary-General not later than 10 December 1970 of actions which may have been taken in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) above and of the results to which their consideration in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above may have led;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments of Member States to inform him of their present attitude to possible further restriction of the use of the death penalty or to its total abolition, and to state whether they are contemplating restriction or abolition and also to indicate whether changes in this respect have taken place since 1965;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the matter dealt with in paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 above to the Economic and Social Council at one of its sessions to be held in 1971.

*1727th plenary meeting,  
26 November 1968.*

### **2394 (XXIII). Capital punishment in southern Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person,

<sup>7</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 59, document A/7243, annex.

Further recalling that article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling Security Council resolution 191 (1964) of 18 June 1964 urging the Government of South Africa to renounce the execution of any persons sentenced to death for their opposition to *apartheid*,

Recalling Security Council resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968 condemning the inhuman executions carried out by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia which have flagrantly affronted the conscience of mankind and have been universally condemned,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, in which the Assembly decided that South Africa's Mandate for South West Africa was terminated, that South Africa had no other right to administer the Territory and that henceforth South West Africa came under the direct responsibility of the United Nations,<sup>8</sup>

Noting with concern the existence of the death penalty as a means of suppressing resistance to the policies of *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, by the illegal South African régime in Namibia and by the racist Government in South Africa,

1. Condemns the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, the equally illegal South African régime in Namibia and the racist Government in South Africa for resorting to the application of the death penalty and the threat or use of capital punishment in their attempts to suppress the natural aspirations of the peoples of southern Africa to social and economic justice, civil rights and political freedom;

2. Calls upon the Government of South Africa to renounce the execution of any persons sentenced to death for their opposition to *apartheid*;

3. Requests the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council to keep this matter under constant review.

*1727th plenary meeting,  
26 November 1968.*

### **2399 (XXIII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>9</sup> and having heard his statement,<sup>10</sup>

Taking note of the progress achieved in the field of international protection of refugees who are the High Commissioner's concern and in the search for permanent solutions of their problems through voluntary repatriation, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries,

Recognizing the positive effects of the High Commissioner's work on economic and social conditions of the refugees in the countries concerned,

<sup>8</sup> The General Assembly, in its resolution 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968, decided that from that date South West Africa would be known as Namibia.

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/7211 and Corr.2) and Supplement No. 11A (A/7211/Add.1).*

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Third Committee*, 1611th meeting, paras. 1-18.

*Commending* the encouraging results achieved in the field of inter-agency co-operation with the support of the Governments concerned and the other members of the United Nations system and noting with appreciation the untiring activities of the non-governmental organizations working on behalf of refugees,

*Noting* that the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme has approved an increased programme to cover additional needs of refugees, particularly in Africa,

*Noting with appreciation* the sizable increase in contributions from certain countries, and also the increase in the number of contributing countries,

*Expressing concern*, however, about the difficulties still facing the High Commissioner in financing his programme,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to provide international protection and assistance to refugees who are his concern, while giving special attention to new groups of refugees, particularly in Africa, in conformity with the relevant General Assembly resolutions and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;

2. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian task by:

(a) Facilitating the voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement of refugees who are the High Commissioner's concern;

(b) Improving the legal status of refugees residing in their territory, *inter alia*, by acceding to the international instruments relating to refugees and by treating new refugee situations in accordance with the principles and spirit of the Declaration on Territorial Asylum and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(c) Providing the High Commissioner with the necessary means of accomplishing the task incumbent upon him and, in particular, by enabling him to reach the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee;

(d) Drawing the attention of the governing bodies of other organs in the United Nations system to the need to support the High Commissioner in his efforts to ensure that the requirements of refugees, including education and training, are taken into full account.

*1735th plenary meeting,  
6 December 1968.*

#### **2432 (XXIII). United Nations Children's Fund**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* chapter XIII, section B, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>11</sup> dealing with the United Nations Children's Fund,

*Welcoming* the emphasis placed by the United Nations Children's Fund upon considering the needs of the child as a whole and, to that end, aiding programmes to improve the health, nutrition, education and general well-being of the younger generation in developing countries,

*Recognizing* that these programmes are essential in achieving the goals of the United Nations in promoting development,

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203).

*Noting* that the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its June 1968 session, continuing its practice of periodic reviews of programmes of the Fund, considered an assessment of education projects jointly assisted by the Fund and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Noting further with satisfaction* the prominence given by the United Nations Children's Fund to supporting national training schemes in many fields which contribute directly to the preparation of human resources essential for social as well as economic development,

*Observing with approval* that the United Nations Children's Fund continues to respond to the emergency needs of mothers and children,

*Deeply concerned*, however, at the magnitude of the unfulfilled needs of children in the developing countries and at the increasing demands on the United Nations Children's Fund for long-range aid and, more recently, for emergencies,

1. *Endorses* the policies and programmes of the United Nations Children's Fund to aid countries to protect and prepare the younger generation within the larger context of national development;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Children's Fund for its continued close co-operation with other members of the United Nations system of organizations;

3. *Appeals* to Governments and other donors to increase substantially their contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund so that its present goal of an annual income of \$50 million can be attained no later than the end of the present United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Welcomes* the appeal of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for special contributions to meet the emergency needs of mothers and children;

5. *Calls upon* national and international bodies with responsibility for multilateral and bilateral aid to consider how their programmes might take account of the needs of children and youth to the fullest possible extent.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2433 (XXIII). International control of psychotropic substances**

*The General Assembly,*

*Concerned* at the epidemic spread of the abuse of psychotropic substances not yet under international control and considering the responsibilities exercised by the United Nations in that field under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* the reports of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs issued in 1966,<sup>12</sup> 1967<sup>13</sup> and 1968<sup>14</sup> and the work of the World Health Organization,

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6303); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4140).*

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6703); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4294).*

<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203); Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/4455).*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1293 (XLIV) and 1294 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968 and World Health Assembly resolutions WHA18.47 of 20 May 1965, WHA20.42 and WHA20.43 of 25 May 1967 and WHA21.42 of 23 May 1968 urging controls on psychotropic substances not yet under international control,

*Noting* the progress made under the aegis of the Economic and Social Council to develop international control of psychotropic substances not yet under such control,

*Requests* the Economic and Social Council to call upon the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to give urgent attention to the problem of the abuse of the psychotropic substances not yet under international control, including the possibility of placing such substances under international control.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2434 (XXIII). Technical assistance in the field of narcotics**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the responsibility that the United Nations exercises in the field of narcotic drugs under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations and under the international narcotics treaties,

*Conscious* of the fact that narcotic drug abuse cannot be efficiently combated if the sources of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs are not suppressed,

*Recognizing* that countries in which the narcotic raw materials are grown may not be able, by their own effort alone, to put an end to illicit cultivation,

*Bearing in mind* the recent reports to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and of the Permanent Central Narcotics Board,

*Recalling* its resolution 1395 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 which established a continuing programme of technical assistance for narcotics control,

*Considering* that drug addiction, where it is widespread, constitutes an obstacle to the economic and social development of the countries concerned and requires urgent and concerted efforts for its solution, which would have far-reaching and salutary effects on the ever-growing problem of drug abuse,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board and in consultation with interested Governments, to develop plans for putting an end to the illegal or uncontrolled production of narcotic raw materials and to submit these plans, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to participate fully in the preparation of these plans;

3. *Recommends* that the Governments concerned develop plans to seek assistance from these agencies, from the United Nations Development Programme and from bilateral sources in their efforts to develop alternative economic programmes and activities, such as the substitution of crops, as one of the most constructive

means of ending the illegal or uncontrolled cultivation of narcotic raw materials.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2435 (XXIII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965 on assistance to Governments in cases of natural disaster and its decision to review at its twenty-third session the experimental arrangements provided for in paragraph 5 of that resolution,

*Having noted* the views of the Economic and Social Council on the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations family of organizations in connexion with natural disasters,<sup>15</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that the arrangements provided for in General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) and the assistance extended to Governments by the Secretary-General under that resolution have contributed towards relieving the distress and hardships which follow natural disasters,

*Noting with appreciation* the co-operation and assistance offered by certain Governments and provided by various United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, as well as by the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary organizations, in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX),

*Having considered* the view of the Secretary-General that United Nations assistance under General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) would be of considerably wider use and benefit to the developing countries subject to natural disasters if its conditions were broadened,

*Recognizing* the importance of scientific research and modern technology in reducing the impact of natural disasters on man and society,

*Reiterating* the importance it attaches to adequate pre-disaster planning by Member States, in order to mitigate the effects of natural disasters,

1. *Invites* Governments which have not already done so to make national preparations to meet natural disasters, including administrative arrangements and such measures as training of relief personnel, stockpiling of supplies needed for disaster relief, earmarking of means of transportation and the development of warning systems and of means of speedy communication;

2. *Invites* Governments and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other organizations concerned, to give full recognition to the need to promote scientific research regarding the causes and early manifestations of impending disasters, to ascertain and assess areas and places of high vulnerability, and to encourage preventive and protective measures, such as the construction of disaster-resistant housing;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system as well as the League of Red Cross Societies and other organizations concerned, to consider ways of expanding assistance to Governments in the fields referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

<sup>15</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Resumed Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 1, document E/4544.*

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give early consideration to the strengthening of staff arrangements within the United Nations Secretariat for dealing with natural disasters, including the establishment of a coordinating group whose members would be drawn, as appropriate, from the existing staff of the Secretariat;

5. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to consider offering, through the United Nations or otherwise, emergency assistance to meet natural disasters, including stand-by disaster relief units or the earmarking of similar units for service in foreign countries, and requests the Secretary-General to consult States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies on the types of emergency assistance they would be in a position to offer;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete at an early date the study undertaken by the Secretariat concerning the legal status of disaster relief units made available through the United Nations and in this connexion to consult, as appropriate, States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies;

7. *Decides* to extend for another three years the authority given to the Secretary-General in General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX), namely, to draw on the Working Capital Fund in the amount of \$100,000 in any one year for emergency aid in connexion with natural disasters, with a normal ceiling of \$20,000 per country in the case of any one disaster;

8. *Decides*, as an interim measure, to the extent that it does not prove necessary in any one year to make advances from the Working Capital Fund up to the maximum amount of \$100,000 for the purposes referred to in paragraph 7 above, to authorize the Secretary-General to advance the balance from the same source in the following year, in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 per country, for assistance to Governments, at their request, in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Red Cross Societies where appropriate, in the elaboration of national preparations to meet natural disasters, it being understood that consideration will be given to obtaining, in the future, the necessary funds for such assistance from other sources;

9. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Coordination to review periodically programmes and projects throughout the United Nations system which relate to natural disasters, and to include appropriate recommendations thereon in its report to the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council, at the latest at one of its sessions to be held in 1970, and a comprehensive report to the Council at its fifty-first session;

11. *Decides* to review at its twenty-sixth session, on the basis of the comprehensive report referred to in paragraph 10 above and the recommendations thereon by the Economic and Social Council, all aspects of the activities of the United Nations family of organizations in connexion with natural disasters.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

## 2436 (XXIII). World social situation

*The General Assembly.*

*Taking note with appreciation of the Report on the World Social Situation, 1967,*<sup>16</sup> of the comments thereon by the Economic and Social Council,<sup>17</sup> of Council resolution 1320 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 and of the report of the Secretary-General setting out conclusions and suggestions for realizing substantial progress in the social field,<sup>18</sup> prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2293 (XXII) of 11 December 1967,

*Noting with deep concern* that the world social situation continues to grow worse and that the gap in standards of living between the developed and developing countries continues to widen,

*Noting with satisfaction* the report of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare<sup>19</sup> and, in this respect, commending the Secretary-General for the preparation and organization of that Conference,

*Recalling* its resolution 2293 (XXII), in which it called upon the Economic and Social Council to request the Committee for Development Planning to take fully into account the role of social development in accelerating the attainment of the goals of development of nations, particularly for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2083 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1274 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967 on the development and utilization of human resources and Council resolution 1327 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968 on the access of women to education,

*Further recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1353 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on youth participation in international co-operation and 1354 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on programmes of international action relating to youth,

*Emphasizing* the imperative need to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all with a view to effective participation of the members of society in achieving common objectives of development,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should incorporate social as well as economic objectives and targets in their national plans, programmes and research, giving attention, where appropriate, *inter alia*, to:

(a) Eliminating hunger, poverty and illiteracy, improving nutrition, health and education and providing housing for all;

(b) Considering, as they deem necessary, demographic problems, taking into account the objectives of raising standards of living and promoting social progress, as well as the importance of the family as a basic unit of society and the right of parents to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children;

(c) Promoting industrialization with due regard for its social aspects;

(d) Increasing opportunities for full and productive employment in both urban and rural areas;

<sup>16</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.IV.9.

<sup>17</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203)*, chapter X, section A; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3A (A/7203/Add.1)*, chapter VI.

<sup>18</sup> A/7248 and Corr.1.

<sup>19</sup> E/4590 and Corr.1.

(e) Pursuing policies aimed at the equitable distribution of income and wealth, as an important factor in sustained economic growth and social development;

(f) Intensifying programmes for the benefit of children, especially in nutrition, health, education and welfare;

(g) Creating conditions for the full participation of youth in national development and in the advancement of human rights, and promoting programmes to meet the needs of young people, especially in relation to education, training and employment;

(h) Intensifying their efforts to promote education and training programmes for women and to encourage changes in the economic and social structure that would enable them to carry out their role more effectively both in the family and in society and to make full use of their potential for participation in economic and social development;

(i) Finding new approaches to the problems of income security and also introducing or extending appropriate systems of protection against unemployment;

(j) Promoting a more effective strategy of social security and welfare with emphasis on preventive measures integrated into broader programmes of national development for the purpose of improving, without any discrimination, the levels of living of families and individuals, with particular attention to the disabled;

(k) Devising appropriate policies for dealing with juvenile delinquency and criminality in the context of rapid social change;

(l) Co-ordinating competent government authorities in their efforts to anticipate, plan and implement government policies in the field of social and economic development;

(m) Applying structural reforms designed to eliminate, where they exist, forms of political, economic and social organization which impede the participation of all sectors of society in the benefits of progress and culture, especially by means of thorough and accelerated land reform and measures of social integration and participation;

2. *Recommends* that Member States should advocate and implement policies aimed at the elimination of colonialism, racial discrimination, *apartheid* and any kind of exploitation of man, all of which hinder social progress and development;

3. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of all countries and peoples to exercise sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources in the interests of their national social and economic development;

4. *Calls upon* the economically advanced Member States which have not yet reached the target fixed in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolution 27 (II) of 28 March 1968 entitled "Aid volume target"<sup>20</sup> to make every effort to reach it as soon as possible, so that the problems of social development can be dealt with appropriately in co-ordination with the solution of the problems of economic development;

5. *Invites* the developing countries, in formulating requests for assistance, to take into account the importance of social factors in the over-all process of development;

<sup>20</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Second Session*, vol. I and Corr.1 and Add.1, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.II.D.14), p. 38.

6. *Endorses* the guidelines for an integrated approach to the goals and programmes for the Second United Nations Development Decade contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1320 (XLIV), and requests the Council and other United Nations bodies as appropriate, in continuing their efforts to formulate an effective development strategy, to give particular attention to these guidelines as well as those set out in paragraph 1 above;

7. *Recommends* that Governments make further efforts in the field of disarmament and that the resources released thereby should be utilized for economic and social development, in particular for that of the developing countries;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme and of other programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned to provide, within available resources, all possible assistance to Governments in their efforts to pursue the objectives outlined in paragraph 1 above;

9. *Specially recommends* the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, in their studies of lending plans for investment, to consider investment in the fields of industrialization, land reform, health, housing, administration of justice and community development, as they have already done in the field of education, considering the importance of these investments for social development;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give particular attention to the strengthening of concerted international action in the development and utilization of human resources as an essential aspect of the activities to be planned for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit the next report on the world social situation in 1970 and requests the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission for Social Development to consider at what intervals thereafter the report should be produced in order to accord with the timing of national development plans and the need to assess the world social situation in the middle and at the end of each decade.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

## **2437 (XXIII). Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2062 (XX) of 16 December 1965 relating to the consideration of the creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

*Noting once again* Economic and Social Council resolution 1237 (XLII) of 6 June 1967, in which the Council endorsed the recommendation to the General Assembly contained in the draft resolution proposed by the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>21</sup> and Council resolution 1238 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 on the question concerning the implementation of human rights through

<sup>21</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1), chapter XVII, draft resolution IV.*



a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or some other appropriate international machinery,

*Recalling also* that in its resolution 2333 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 the General Assembly expressed regret that the consideration of this question had not been possible owing to the heavy programme of work and decided to give high priority to the consideration of the question at its twenty-third session,

*Regretting* that, despite that decision, it has not been possible to do so owing to the heavy programme of work at the current session,

1. *Again decides* to give high priority, in accordance with the aforementioned resolutions and decisions to the consideration of this question at its twenty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session with all the relevant information prepared in conformity with the resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights on this matter.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2438 (XXIII). Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2331 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 on measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance,

*Reaffirming* that racism, nazism and the ideology and policy of *apartheid* are incompatible with the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other international instruments,

*Expressing its deep concern* at the fact that, in spite of General Assembly resolution 2331 (XXII), the activities of groups and organizations propagating racism, nazism and similar ideologies based on terrorism and racial intolerance still continue,

*Bearing in mind* that such ideologies have in the past led to barbarous acts which outraged the conscience of mankind, to other heinous violations of human rights and eventually to a war which brought indescribable suffering to mankind,

*Recalling* that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights stipulate that nothing in those instruments may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act such as racist or nazi practices and similar ideologies aimed at the destruction of any of the rights set forth therein,

*Taking note* of resolution II on measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance, adopted on 11 May 1968 by the International Conference on Human Rights,<sup>22</sup>

<sup>22</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 5.

1. *Once again resolutely condemns* racism, nazism, *apartheid* and all similar ideologies and practices which are based on racial intolerance and terror as a gross violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and which may jeopardize world peace and the security of peoples;

2. *Urgently calls upon* all States to take without delay, with due regard to the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, legislative and other positive measures to outlaw groups and organizations which are disseminating propaganda for racism, nazism, the policy of *apartheid* and other forms of racial intolerance, and to prosecute them in the courts;

3. *Calls upon* all States and peoples, as well as national and international organizations, to strive for the eradication, as soon as possible and once and for all, of racism, nazism and similar ideologies and practices, including *apartheid*, which are based on racial intolerance and terror;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly a survey of information which may be available to him on international instruments, legislation and other measures taken or envisaged, both at the national and international levels, with a view to halting racist, nazi and similar activities, such as *apartheid*;

5. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to co-operate with the Secretary-General by providing him with information of this kind;

6. *Decides* to consider at its twenty-fourth session the question of measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2439 (XXIII). Measures for effectively combating racial discrimination and the policies of apartheid and segregation in southern Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1332 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968,

*Recalling* its resolution 2144 A (XXI) of 26 October 1966, in which it invited the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to give urgent consideration to ways and means of improving the capacity of the United Nations to put a stop to violations of human rights wherever they may occur,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, by which it terminated South Africa's Mandate for Namibia, then called South West Africa,

*Taking into account* its resolutions 2307 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa and 2324 (XXII) and 2325 (XXII) of 16 December 1967 on the question of Namibia,

*Taking into account* the documents and recommendations of the seminars on *apartheid* held in Brazil in 1966 and in Zambia in 1967,

*Gravely concerned* at the evidence of inhuman practices by the Government of South Africa and by the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia

against the non-white population of South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

*Noting* that the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia are finding support for the policy of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in the fact that a number of States are continuing to trade with them and are maintaining diplomatic, cultural and other ties and relations with them and affording them military assistance,

*Convinced* that the flagrant violations of human rights in southern Africa are of serious international concern and require urgent and effective action by the United Nations,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Commission on Human Rights under its resolution 7 (XXIII) of 16 March 1967<sup>23</sup> that the Government of South Africa be requested to repeal, amend and replace laws cited in paragraph 1547 of the Special Rapporteur's report;<sup>24</sup>

2. *Considers* it essential that, in order to conform with its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, the Government of South Africa should undertake to repeal, amend and replace the various discriminatory laws cited in paragraph 1547 of the Special Rapporteur's report;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to repeal, amend and replace the laws in force in South Africa referred to in paragraph 1 above and to report to the Secretary-General on the measures taken or envisaged in accordance with that paragraph;

4. *Urges* all States to encourage information media within their territories to publicize the evils of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and the inhuman acts practised by the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, as well as the aims and purposes of the United Nations and its efforts to eliminate these evils;

5. *Condemns* the actions of all those Governments which, in violation of United Nations resolutions, are continuing to maintain diplomatic, commercial, military, cultural and other relations with South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia;

6. *Calls upon* those Governments to break off such relations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to draw the widest possible public attention to the evils of these policies through the interested non-governmental organizations, trade unions, religious institutions, student and other organizations, as well as libraries and schools;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to keep under constant review the question of promoting co-ordination and co-operation in the activities of the specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations dealing with matters relating to *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to establish a United Nations information centre in South Africa with a view to disseminating the aims and purposes of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution, and in particu-

lar on the actions taken by the Government of South Africa to give effect to paragraph 3 above.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

#### 2440 (XXIII). Report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on the treatment of political prisoners in South Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1333 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968,

*Recalling* its resolution 2144 A (XXI) of 26 October 1966 on the question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of *apartheid*, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, and its resolution 2307 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa,

*Gravely concerned* at the evidence, in the report<sup>25</sup> of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of 6 March 1967 of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>26</sup> of the intensification of inhuman practices by the Government of South Africa against the opponents of the policies of *apartheid*,

*Determined* to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and desirous of an urgent and immediate end to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in South Africa,

1. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle by the opponents of *apartheid* to realize their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Condemns* any and every practice of torture, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees and prisoners in South African prisons and in South African police custody during interrogation and detention, as indicated in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa:

(a) To initiate investigations into the violations mentioned in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts with a view to establishing the degree of responsibility of the persons listed in appendix II to chapter VII of the report, for the purpose of punishing them accordingly;

(b) To afford the opportunity to all persons who have suffered damage to receive indemnification;

(c) To abolish the 180-day law and the Terrorism Act, under which opponents of the policies of *apartheid* are detained without charge or trial, as well as the Suppression of Communism Act, the Sabotage Act and similar laws, and also to refrain from incorporating the principles contained in these laws into other laws;

(d) To release immediately Mr. Robert Sobukwe;

(e) To release immediately all other political prisoners and all persons held for their opposition to the policies of *apartheid*, whether in prison or police detention;

<sup>23</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1)*, para. 376.

<sup>24</sup> E/CN.4/949/Add.4.

<sup>25</sup> E/CN.4/950.

<sup>26</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/4322 and Corr.1)*, para. 268.

4. *Requests* Member States to encourage the giving of the maximum publicity to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts within their territories;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to report to the Secretary-General on the measures taken or envisaged in accordance with paragraph 3 above;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take steps to draw the widest possible public attention to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### 2441 (XXIII). International Year for Human Rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966 and 2339 (XXII) of 18 December 1967,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the measures and activities undertaken by the Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and national and international organizations concerned in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights,<sup>27</sup>

*Believing* that, despite the violations of human rights that have occurred and continue to occur during the International Year for Human Rights, many of these measures and activities have contributed to the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and national and international organizations concerned for their efforts and undertakings in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights, in particular in giving effect to the measures set out in the annexes to General Assembly resolutions 2081 (XX) and 2217 A (XXI);

2. *Further expresses its appreciation* to the Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and national and international organizations concerned that have kept the Secretary-General informed of their efforts and undertakings in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights and invites them to continue to supply as much relevant information as possible to the Secretary-General to enable him to prepare a final report on the International Year for Human Rights to be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 2339 (XXII);

3. *Invites* Member States to consider prolonging, after the end of the International Year for Human Rights and as appropriate, such activities undertaken during the International Year as would continue to be

helpful in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Considers* that the newsletter on the International Year for Human Rights prepared by the Secretary-General has been of value and requests the Secretary-General to continue to issue from time to time an appropriate bulletin containing information on the activities of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies in the field of human rights and a bibliography of United Nations documents and publications on that subject.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### 2442 (XXIII). International Conference on Human Rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the International Year for Human Rights,

*Noting with appreciation* the Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights<sup>28</sup> held at Teheran from 22 April to 13 May 1968,

*Convinced* that the Conference made an important constructive contribution to the cause of human rights and that its results should be translated into effective action by States, the competent organs of the United Nations and its family of organizations, and other organizations concerned,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government and people of Iran for acting as hosts to the International Conference on Human Rights, for the excellent arrangements and for the hospitality extended to all participants;

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General, the Executive Secretary of the Conference and the members of the Secretariat for effectively preparing and servicing the Conference;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the work of the Conference, which constitutes a solid foundation for further action and initiatives by the United Nations and other interested international bodies, as well as by the States and national organizations concerned;

4. *Confirms* the views of the Conference on the urgency of eliminating denials and violations of human rights;

5. *Endorses* the Proclamation of Teheran<sup>29</sup> as an important and timely reaffirmation of the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in other international instruments in the field of human rights;

6. *Calls upon* all States and organizations concerned to take further action with a view to the full realization of human rights in the light of the recommendations of the Conference;

7. *Urges* all States and organizations concerned to encourage and assist all media of mass communication in giving widespread publicity to the Proclamation of Teheran and the work of the Conference, as appropriate, and in lending support to the achievements, activities and concerns of the United Nations in the field of human rights;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit to the competent organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies those resolutions or parts of resolutions of the Conference which interest them;

<sup>27</sup> A/7195 and Add.1-9.

<sup>28</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 3.

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the United Nations organs and specialized agencies concerned to take action, as appropriate, on the resolutions and recommendations of the Conference;

10. *Further invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the measures taken and the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference by Member States, the United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned;

11. *Decides* to keep under review to the extent possible the resolutions of the Conference in connexion with related agenda items.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

#### 2443 (XXIII). Respect for and implementation of human rights in occupied territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949,<sup>30</sup>

*Mindful* of the principle embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights regarding the right of everyone to return to his own country, and recalling Security Council resolution 237 (1967) of 14 June 1967, General Assembly resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967 and 2341 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967, Commission on Human Rights resolution 6 (XXIV) of 27 February 1968<sup>31</sup> and Economic and Social Council resolution 1336 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968, in which those United Nations organs called upon the Government of Israel, *inter alia*, to facilitate the return of those inhabitants who have fled the area of military operations since the outbreak of hostilities,

*Recalling* the telegram dispatched by the Commission on Human Rights on 8 March 1968, calling upon the Government of Israel to desist forthwith from acts of destroying homes of the Arab civilian population in areas occupied by Israel,<sup>32</sup>

*Recalling also* Security Council resolution 259 (1968) of 27 September 1968, in which the Council expressed its concern for the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the Arab territories under military occupation by Israel, and deplored the delay in the implementation of Council resolution 237 (1967),

*Noting* resolution I on respect for and implementation of human rights in occupied territories, adopted by the International Conference on Human Rights on 7 May 1968,<sup>33</sup> in which the Conference, *inter alia*:

(a) Expressed its grave concern at the violation of human rights in Arab territories occupied by Israel,

(b) Drew the attention of the Government of Israel to the grave consequences resulting from the disregard of fundamental freedoms and human rights in occupied territories,

<sup>30</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), No. 973.

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4475)*, chapter XVIII.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 406.

<sup>33</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 5.

(c) Called upon the Government of Israel to desist forthwith from acts of destroying homes of the Arab civilian population inhabiting areas occupied by Israel and to respect and implement the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949<sup>34</sup> in occupied territories,

(d) Affirmed the inalienable rights of all inhabitants who have left their homes as a result of the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East to return home, resume their normal life, recover their property and homes, and rejoin their families according to the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

1. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories, composed of three Member States;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint the members of the Special Committee;

3. *Requests* the Government of Israel to receive the Special Committee, co-operate with it and facilitate its work;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with all the necessary facilities for the performance of its task.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

#### 2444 (XXIII). Respect for human rights in armed conflicts

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the necessity of applying basic humanitarian principles in all armed conflicts,

*Taking note* of resolution XXIII on human rights in armed conflicts, adopted on 12 May 1968 by the International Conference on Human Rights,<sup>35</sup>

*Affirming* that the provisions of that resolution need to be implemented effectively as soon as possible,

1. *Affirms* resolution XXVIII of the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross held at Vienna in 1965, which laid down, *inter alia*, the following principles for observance by all governmental and other authorities responsible for action in armed conflicts:

(a) That the right of the parties to a conflict to adopt means of injuring the enemy is not unlimited;

(b) That it is prohibited to launch attacks against the civilian populations as such;

(c) That distinction must be made at all times between persons taking part in the hostilities and members of the civilian population to the effect that the latter be spared as much as possible;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Committee of the Red Cross and other appropriate international organizations, to study:

(a) Steps which could be taken to secure the better application of existing humanitarian international conventions and rules in all armed conflicts;

<sup>34</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), Nos. 970-973.

<sup>35</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 18.

(b) The need for additional humanitarian international conventions or for other appropriate legal instruments to ensure the better protection of civilians, prisoners and combatants in all armed conflicts and the prohibition and limitation of the use of certain methods and means of warfare;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all other necessary steps to give effect to the provisions of the present resolution and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the steps he has taken;

4. *Further requests* Member States to extend all possible assistance to the Secretary-General in the preparation of the study requested in paragraph 2 above;

5. *Calls upon* all States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907,<sup>36</sup> the Geneva Protocol of 1925<sup>37</sup> and the Geneva Conventions of 1949.<sup>38</sup>

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

**2445 (XXIII). Teaching in schools of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, with particular reference to human rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the International Year for Human Rights should be the occasion for new efforts to improve the standard of knowledge about the United Nations and, in particular, about its efforts in the field of human rights,

*Recalling* its resolutions 137 (II) of 17 November 1947 and 1511 (XV) of 12 December 1960 concerning the teaching in schools of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the structure and activities of the Organization and the specialized agencies,

*Considering* that such teaching is not yet sufficiently widespread, in particular in primary and secondary schools, despite the efforts of Member States and of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Convinced* that in order to achieve the desired results such teaching must start at an early stage of education,

*Conscious* of the fact that young people cannot receive training which meets the requirements of a world increasingly characterized by the interdependence of peoples if educators do not themselves receive special instruction in international organization,

1. *Requests* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to take steps, as appropriate and according to the scholastic system of each State, to introduce or encourage:

(a) The regular study of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and of the principles proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in other declarations on human rights, in the training of teaching staff for primary and secondary schools;

<sup>36</sup> Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations 1899-1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1918).

<sup>37</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

<sup>38</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), Nos. 970-973.

(b) Progressive instruction on the subject in question in the curricula of primary and secondary schools, inviting teachers to seize the opportunities, provided by teaching, of drawing the attention of their pupils to the increasing role of the United Nations system in peaceful co-operation among nations and in joint efforts to promote social justice and economic and social progress in the world;

2. *Further requests* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to draw the attention of the competent authorities in private scholastic institutions to the present resolution and to invite them to make the necessary efforts for the achievement of the aims envisaged in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue and to encourage the study of appropriate ways and means of promoting the achievement of the aims envisaged in the present resolution;

4. *Further requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned and the United Nations Development Programme to provide assistance to Member States, particularly those which are developing countries, with a view to enabling them to achieve the objectives envisaged in paragraph 1 above.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

**2446 (XXIII). Measures to achieve the rapid and total elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in general and of the policy of apartheid in particular**

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* that during the International Year for Human Rights large-scale violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms continue to take place,

*Gravely concerned* about the continuing eviction and detention, imprisonment and murder of nationalists and freedom fighters in southern Africa and in colonial Territories,

*Noting* resolutions III, IV and VIII of 11 May 1968 of the International Conference on Human Rights<sup>39</sup> pledging support for measures to achieve the rapid and total elimination of colonialism and all forms of racial discrimination in general and of *apartheid* in particular and for the treatment as prisoners of war of captured freedom fighters opposed to the policies of *apartheid* and colonialism,

1. *Condemns* the Governments of South Africa and Portugal for their persistent defiant stand towards the United Nations and world opinion in respect of their policies of *apartheid* and colonialism, respectively;

2. *Further condemns* the policy of racial discrimination of the illegal minority régime in Southern Rhodesia and deplores the refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to take effective measures to suppress this illegal régime and to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms to the people of Zimbabwe;

3. *Censures* the Governments of South Africa and Portugal for assisting and collaborating with the illegal minority régime in Southern Rhodesia;

<sup>39</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), pp. 6, 7 and 9.

4. *Confirms* the views of the International Conference on Human Rights, held at Teheran, which recognized and vigorously supported the legitimacy of the struggle of the peoples and patriotic liberation movements in southern Africa and in colonial Territories, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions;

5. *Further confirms* the decision taken by the International Conference on Human Rights to recognize the right of freedom fighters in southern Africa and in colonial Territories to be treated, when captured, as prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions of 1949;<sup>40</sup>

6. *Appeals* to all States and organizations dedicated to the ideals of freedom, independence and peace to continue to give political, moral and material assistance to peoples struggling against all forms of racial discrimination and colonialism;

7. *Calls upon* all States to sever all relations with South Africa, Portugal and the illegal minority régime in Southern Rhodesia and to refrain scrupulously from giving any military or economic assistance to these régimes;

8. *Requests* the United Nations organs and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to give all appropriate assistance to the patriotic freedom movements in colonial Territories and in southern Africa and to keep this matter under constant review;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to prepare a programme for the celebration in 1971 of the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2447 (XXIII). Education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* resolution XX on education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, adopted on 12 May 1968 by the International Conference on Human Rights,<sup>41</sup> as well as paragraph 17 of the Proclamation of Teheran,<sup>42</sup>

*Noting also* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1353 (XLV) and 1354 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 on youth participation in international co-operation and on programmes of international action relating to youth,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples proclaimed by the General Assembly on 7 December 1965,

*Aware* of the aspirations expressed by large sectors of the young generation for a more effective protection of human dignity in this age of great scientific, technological and cultural achievements and of the desire of youth to have its full share in the accomplishment of the major humanitarian demands of this century,

*Conscious* of the importance of extending to young people an education in the spirit of the most noble humanitarian ideals of mankind and therefore convinced

<sup>40</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), Nos. 970-973.

<sup>41</sup> See *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 15.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 3.

that States, the United Nations and other international organizations, youth organizations and society in general should undertake continuous and permanent efforts to that effect,

*Convinced* that the enthusiasm, energy and creative ability of the young could be a major factor in the spiritual and material advancement of all peoples, the universal promotion of human rights and worldwide economic and social development,

*Considering* that the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, within their spheres of competence, could provide useful channels through which the deeply felt concerns of youth could be better understood and studied and constructive confrontations between spokesmen of the various generations could be harmoniously conducted,

*Taking note* of the appeal made by the International Conference on Human Rights to States to take all appropriate measures to prepare youth for, and stimulate its interest in, the creation of a better society,

1. *Endorses* the appeal made by the International Conference on Human Rights to States to ensure that all means of education should be employed so that youth may grow up and develop in a spirit of respect for human dignity and equal rights of man without discrimination as to race, colour, language, sex or faith;

2. *Further endorses* the recommendations made by the International Conference on Human Rights, in its resolution XX, to States, international organizations and youth organizations;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on Human Rights, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to study the question of the education of youth all over the world with a view to the development of its personality and the strengthening of its respect for the rights of man and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange from time to time for an exchange of information on action taken by States in their efforts to ensure that young people are educated and brought up in a spirit of respect for human rights everywhere and given the opportunity of playing their part in the implementation and protection of human rights;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to organize, within the framework of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and in co-operation with interested Governments, seminars with the participation of persons specially qualified in subjects of particular concern to youth, including youth leaders;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on action taken in implementation of the present resolution.

*1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.*

#### **2448 (XXIII). Freedom of information**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard* to article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which ensures to everyone the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers,

Recalling further its resolution 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 by which it, *inter alia*, decided to hasten the conclusion, among other instruments, of a convention on freedom of information,

Recognizing that freedom of information is indispensable to the enjoyment, promotion and protection of all the other rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolutions concerning racism, nazism, racial discrimination and other similar ideologies,

Recalling also its resolutions and the decisions of other United Nations bodies regarding the dissemination of information on the evils of *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism,

Recalling the deep interest which the United Nations has shown since 1947 in problems of freedom of information and the various measures, thus far inadequate, which it has taken to promote and safeguard this freedom,

Mindful that recent technological advances in the field of telecommunications have, by enormously extending the reach and scope of words, images and ideas, greatly magnified the potentialities, for good or evil, of the media of information,

Recognizing that the existence of monopolies in the media of information is an obstacle to economic and social progress and prevents the full achievement of freedom of information,

Believing that the time has come for the international community to take a renewed interest in measures calculated to promote freedom of information and to encourage the responsible exercise of this freedom,

1. Affirms the principle that the primary function of media of information anywhere in the world is to gather and impart freely and responsibly objective and accurate information;

2. Emphasizes that the objectives of freedom of information could best be attained if everyone had access to diverse sources of news and opinions;

3. Recommends to all States and international organizations concerned that freedom of information should be particularly promoted in the case of dissemination of information on the evils of *apartheid*, racism, nazism, colonialism and racial discrimination;

4. Appeals to the media of information everywhere to co-operate in the strengthening of democratic institutions, the promotion of economic and social progress and friendly relations among nations, and combating propaganda for war or for national, racial or religious hatred, in accordance with the principles of the United Nations;

5. Draws the attention of the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies concerned to the continuing need for assistance in the development and improvement of information media in the developing countries in order to enable the latter to share in the benefits flowing from the modern technological revolution and to redress the inequality in this field between the developed and the developing countries;

6. Commends the existing practice of triennial reporting on freedom of information under the system of periodic reports on human rights and recommends the consideration of the possibility of appointing, as may be necessary, a special rapporteur on freedom of information to conduct an independent and objective study of the actual situation and developments in this field;

7. Decides, pending completion of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information, to give priority at its twenty-fourth session to the consideration and adoption of the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information so that it may serve as an inspiration and set a standard for information media as well as Governments anywhere in the world.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

#### 2449 (XXIII). Legal aid

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation resolution XIX on legal aid adopted on 12 May 1968 by the International Conference on Human Rights<sup>48</sup> held at Teheran from 22 April to 13 May 1968,

Recalling that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law,

Recalling further that article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights provides in part that everyone charged with a criminal offence shall be entitled to defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing and to be informed, if he does not have legal assistance, of this right and to have legal assistance assigned to him in any case where the interests of justice so require, and without payment by him in any such case if he does not have sufficient means to pay for it,

Believing that there are cases where the individual's recourse to competent tribunals to which he has a right of access is denied or hindered because of the lack of financial resources to bear the expenses involved,

Convinced that the provision of legal aid to those who need it would strengthen the observance and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

1. Recommends Member States:

(a) To guarantee the progressive development of comprehensive systems of legal aid to those who need it in order to protect their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) To devise standards for granting, in appropriate cases, legal or professional assistance;

(c) To consider ways and means of defraying the expenses involved in providing such comprehensive legal aid systems;

(d) To consider taking all possible steps to simplify legal procedures so as to reduce the burdens on the financial and other resources of individuals who seek legal redress;

(e) To encourage co-operation among appropriate bodies making available competent legal assistance to those who need it;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organs concerned, to provide the necessary resources, within the limits of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to facilitate expert and other technical assistance to Member States seeking to extend the availability of competent legal aid.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 15.

## 2450 (XXIII). Human rights and scientific and technological developments

### *The General Assembly,*

Having taken note of paragraph 18 of the Proclamation of Teheran adopted by the International Conference on Human Rights<sup>44</sup> and of resolution XI concerning human rights and scientific and technological developments adopted by the Conference on 12 May 1968,<sup>45</sup>

Sharing the concern expressed by the Conference that recent scientific discoveries and technological advances, although they open up vast prospects for economic, social and cultural progress, may nevertheless endanger the rights and freedoms of individuals and peoples and consequently call for constant attention,

Endorsing the idea that these problems require thorough and continuous interdisciplinary studies, both national and international, which may serve as a basis for drawing up appropriate standards to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to undertake, with the assistance, *inter alia*, of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and in co-operation with the executive heads of the competent specialized agencies, a study of the problems in connexion with human rights arising from developments in science and technology, in particular from the following standpoints:

(a) Respect for the privacy of individuals and the integrity and sovereignty of nations in the light of advances in recording and other techniques;

(b) Protection of the human personality and its physical and intellectual integrity, in the light of advances in biology, medicine and biochemistry;

(c) Uses of electronics which may affect the rights of the person and the limits which should be placed on such uses in a democratic society;

(d) More generally, the balance which should be established between scientific and technological progress and the intellectual, spiritual, cultural and moral advancement of humanity;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on a preliminary basis, a report comprising a summary account of studies already made or in progress on the aforementioned subjects, emanating in particular from governmental and intergovernmental sources, the specialized agencies and the competent non-governmental organizations, and a draft programme of work which might be undertaken in fields in which subsequent surveys would be necessary for the attainment of the objectives of the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the said report to the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-sixth session for consideration and transmittal, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

1748th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1968.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 3.  
<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 12.

\*

\* \*

## *Other decisions*

### **Draft Declaration on Social Development**

#### *(Item 50)*

At its 1735th plenary meeting, on 6 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>46</sup> decided to consider the draft Declaration on Social Progress and Development<sup>47</sup> at its twenty-fourth session, as a matter of high priority, with a view to completing it at that session.

### **Housing, building and planning**

#### *(Item 52)*

### **Town twinning as a means of international co-operation**

#### *(Item 53)*

### **Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance**

#### *(Item 54)*

### **Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

#### *(Item 61)*

At its 1748th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,<sup>48</sup> decided to postpone the

<sup>46</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/7374, para. 134.*

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 133.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda items 52, 53, 54 and 61, document A/7452.



consideration of items 52, 53, 54 and 61 to its twenty-fourth session and to give high priority to the consideration of item 54 (Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance) at that session.

### **International Year for Human Rights**

#### ***(Item 62)***

At its 1731st plenary meeting, on 2 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Committee to Select the Winners of the United Nations Human Rights Prize, decided that the number of prizes to be awarded in accordance with recommendation C of the programme of measures and activities approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 2217 A (XXI) of 19 December 1966 would be increased to six in 1968.

At the same meeting, the President of the General Assembly announced that the Special Committee had chosen the following winners of the Prize: Mr. Manuel BIANCHI, Mr. René CASSIN, Mr. Albert LUTHULI, Mrs. Mehranguiz MANOUCHEHRIAN, Mr. P. E. NEDBAILO and Mrs. Eleanor ROOSEVELT.



## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

## CONTENTS

Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2379 (XXIII)	Question of Southern Rhodesia (A/7290)	23	25 October 1968	57
2383 (XXIII)	Question of Southern Rhodesia (A/7290/Add.1)	23	7 November 1968	58
2395 (XXIII)	Question of Territories under Portuguese administration (A/7352)	65	29 November 1968	59
2422 (XXIII)	Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations (A/7420)	63	18 December 1968	60
2423 (XXIII)	Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/7420)	71	18 December 1968	60
2424 (XXIII)	Question of Oman (A/7422)	67	18 December 1968	61
2425 (XXIII)	Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, <i>apartheid</i> and racial discrimination in southern Africa (A/7423)	68	18 December 1968	61
2426 (XXIII)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/7424)	69	18 December 1968	61
2427 (XXIII)	Question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea (A/7418)	13	18 December 1968	62
2428 (XXIII)	Question of Ifni and Spanish Sahara (A/7419)	23	18 December 1968	63
2429 (XXIII)	Question of Gibraltar (A/7419)	23	18 December 1968	64
2430 (XXIII)	Question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands (A/7419)	23	18 December 1968	64
2431 (XXIII)	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (A/7425)	70	18 December 1968	65
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	23	11 October 1968	65
	Question of Namibia (hearing of petitioners)	64	18 December 1968	66
	Question of Fiji	66	18 December 1968	66

**2379 (XXIII). Question of Southern Rhodesia**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling further all the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of the people of Zimbabwe to self-determination, freedom and independence,

Considering that any independence without a government elected by a majority of the people of Zimbabwe

is contrary to the provisions and objectives of resolution 1514 (XV),

1. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland not to grant independence to Southern Rhodesia unless it is preceded by the establishment of a government based on free elections by universal adult suffrage and on majority rule;

2. *Calls upon* all States not to recognize any form of independence in Southern Rhodesia without the prior establishment of a government based on majority rule in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

*1707th plenary meeting,  
25 October 1968.*

**2383 (XXIII). Question of Southern Rhodesia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Southern Rhodesia,

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, all its previous resolutions and those of the Security Council concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia,

*Recalling further* that the Security Council determined, in its resolutions 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966 and 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,

*Deeply concerned* over the dangerous situation in Southern Rhodesia, which has been further aggravated by the executions and acts of suppression carried out by the illegal racist régime against the African people and by the presence of South African forces in the Territory,

*Deeply concerned* at the serious threat constituted by the South African armed forces in Southern Rhodesia to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of independent African States in the area,

*Bearing in mind* the primary responsibility of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to put an end to the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia and to transfer effective power, based on free elections by universal adult suffrage and on majority rule, to the people of Zimbabwe,

*Noting* that the sanctions applied by the Security Council have not so far produced the desired results,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Zimbabwe to freedom and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to attain that right in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Affirms* the responsibility of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, for the continuing deterioration of the situation, and its conviction that the only effective way of quelling the rebellion in Southern Rhodesia is through the use of force by the administering Power;

3. *Condemns* the failure and the refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, to take effective measures to bring down the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia and to transfer power, based on free elections by universal adult suffrage and on majority rule, to the people of Zimbabwe;

4. *Affirms its conviction* that the sanctions so far adopted will not put an end to the illegal racist minority régime unless they are comprehensive, mandatory, strictly supervised by force and complied with, in particular by South Africa and Portugal;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom to use force in order to put an immediate end to the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia and, in this regard, notes with appreciation the offers of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to make their territories and air space available for this purpose;

6. *Considers* that any independence without majority rule in Southern Rhodesia is contrary to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV)

and calls upon the United Kingdom to enter immediately into consultations with the representatives of political parties favouring majority rule;

7. *Condemns* the policies of the Governments of South Africa and Portugal and all other Governments which continue to have political, economic, financial and other relations with Southern Rhodesia and which render direct or indirect economic, military and other assistance to the illegal racist minority régime, thus enabling it to sustain itself;

8. *Calls upon* all States to bring to an end the activities of financial, economic and other interests operated by their nationals in Southern Rhodesia;

9. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council to the urgent necessity of applying the following measures envisaged under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations:

(a) The scope of the sanctions should be widened further to include all the measures laid down in Article 41 of the Charter with respect to the illegal racist régime in Southern Rhodesia;

(b) Sanctions should be imposed on South Africa and Portugal, the Governments of which have blatantly refused to carry out the mandatory decisions of the Security Council;

10. *Condemns* the illegal intervention of South African forces in Southern Rhodesia and calls upon the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, to ensure the immediate expulsion of all South African armed forces, including the police, from Southern Rhodesia and to prevent all armed assistance to the racist minority régime;

11. *Condemns in the strongest terms* the detention, imprisonment and assassination of African nationalists in Southern Rhodesia;

12. *Calls upon* the administering Power to ensure the immediate release of all African nationalists who are in prison and in detention and to prevent further assassination of African nationalists in Southern Rhodesia;

13. *Calls upon* the United Kingdom, in view of the armed conflict prevailing in the Territory and the inhuman treatment of prisoners, to ensure the application to that situation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949;<sup>1</sup>

14. *Urges* all States, as a matter of urgency, to render all moral and material assistance to the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe, either directly or through the Organization of African Unity;

15. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territory under review, and invites the Secretary-General to report to the Special Committee on the extent of the implementation by Member States of the resolutions of the United Nations concerning the Territory;

16. *Calls upon* the administering Power to report to the Special Committee on its actions in the implementation of the present resolution.

*1710th plenary meeting,  
7 November 1968.*

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), No. 972.

**2395 (XXIII). Question of Territories under Portuguese administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Territories under Portuguese administration,

*Having heard* the statements of the petitioners,

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling also* all the relevant resolutions concerning the Territories under Portuguese administration adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council,

*Expressing its profound concern* over the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to implement the relevant United Nations resolutions,

*Gravely concerned* about the deteriorating situation in the Territories under Portuguese domination, which constitutes a serious disturbance of international peace and security,

*Deeply disturbed* about the continued and intensified activities of foreign economic, financial and other interests which impede the realization of the legitimate aspirations of the African peoples in those Territories,

*Deploring* the aid which the Government of Portugal continues to receive from its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and from other countries, which enables it to pursue its military operations against the African population of those Territories,

*Gravely concerned* about that Government's constant threats against and violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the independent African States that border the Territories under its domination,

*Noting with satisfaction* the progress towards national independence and freedom made by the liberation movements in those Territories both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination to self-determination, freedom and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

2. *Condemns* the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to implement resolution 1514 (XV) and all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of Portugal to apply without delay to the peoples of the Territories under its domination the principle of self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and of resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council to the grave situation in the Territories under Portuguese domination, which has also aggravated the explosive situation in southern Africa;

5. *Appeals* to all States to grant the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination the moral and material assistance necessary for the restoration of their inalienable rights;

6. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States, and in particular to members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to withhold from Portugal any assistance

which enables it to prosecute the colonial war in the Territories under its domination;

7. *Condemns* the collaboration between Portugal, the minority racist régime of South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, which is designed to perpetuate colonialism and oppression in southern Africa;

8. *Condemns* the violations by the Government of Portugal of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of independent African States;

9. *Urgently appeals* to all States to take all measures to prevent the recruitment or training in their territories of any persons as mercenaries for the colonial war being waged in the Territories under Portuguese domination and for violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the independent African States;

10. *Deplores* the policy of the Government of Portugal, which violates the economic and political rights of the indigenous population by the arbitrary eviction of the African population and the settlement of foreign immigrants in the Territories, and calls upon Portugal to cease those practices immediately;

11. *Deplores also* the activities of the financial interests operating in the Territories under Portuguese domination, which obstruct the struggle of the peoples for self-determination, freedom and independence and which strengthen the military efforts of Portugal;

12. *Calls upon* the Government of Portugal, in view of the armed conflict prevailing in the Territories and the inhuman treatment of prisoners, to ensure the application to that situation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949;<sup>2</sup>

13. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Member States concerned, to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and to the specialized agencies and other international relief organizations concerned for the help they have given so far and invites them to increase their assistance, including health and medical facilities, to the victims of Portuguese colonialism;

14. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in the light of General Assembly resolution 2349 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and in consultation with the specialized agencies and the host Governments, to develop and expand training programmes for the indigenous inhabitants of the Territories under Portuguese domination, taking into account their needs for cadres of civil servants, technical and professional personnel to assume responsibilities for the public administration and the economic and social development of their own countries;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take such action as he may deem appropriate for the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

16. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep the situation in the Territories under review.

*1730th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1968.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

**2422 (XXIII). Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take it fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolutions 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2233 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2351 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, in which it, *inter alia*, approved the procedures adopted by the Special Committee for the discharge of the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII) and requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge those functions in accordance with the said procedures,

Recalling further the provisions of paragraph 3 of its resolution 2351 (XXII) in which the General Assembly once again urged all Member States which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned,

Having studied the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter and the action taken by it in respect of that information,<sup>3</sup>

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on this information,<sup>4</sup>

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Regrets that, despite the repeated recommendations of the General Assembly and the Special Committee, some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories still have not seen fit to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter, have transmitted insufficient information or have transmitted information too late;

3. Strongly regrets the persistent refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to transmit such information on Southern Rhodesia and the decision of that Government to cease transmitting information on Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia;

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter XXXII.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda items 63 and 71, documents A/7281/Rev.1 and Add.1.

4. Deeply deplores the fact that, despite the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly concerning the colonial Territories under Portuguese domination, the Government of Portugal has maintained its refusal to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with regard to those Territories;

5. Once again urges the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned;

6. Reiterates its previous requests, the most recent of which is contained in General Assembly resolution 2351 (XXII), that the administering Powers concerned transmit such information as early as possible and at the latest within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned;

7. Requests the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with the procedures referred to above.

1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.

**2423 (XXIII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2352 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,<sup>5</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made scholarships available to inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. Requests those Member States offering scholarships and those which might subsequently do so to take into account the necessity of furnishing complete information about the scholarships offered and, if possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. Invites the administering Powers concerned to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of offers by Member States of study and training facilities;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.

1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7308.

**2424 (XXIII). Question of Oman**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Oman,

*Having examined* the statement of the petitioner,<sup>6</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant resolutions,

*Deploring* the refusal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to implement the relevant General Assembly resolutions concerning Oman,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 2238 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2302 (XXII) of 12 December 1967;

2. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to implement fully General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to follow the developments in the Territory of Oman and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

**2425 (XXIII). Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

*Having examined* the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to this question,<sup>7</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in particular the eighth preambular paragraph thereof, and its resolution 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967,

*Convinced* that any economic or other activity which impedes the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and which obstructs efforts aimed at the elimination of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa and other colonial Territories is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

<sup>6</sup> A/C.4/717.

<sup>7</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 68, documents A/7320 and Add.1.

*Recalling* that the administering Powers have the obligation to ensure the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territories under their administration and to protect the population and the natural resources of these Territories against abuses, in accordance with Chapters XI and XII of the Charter,

1. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to this question;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the natural resources of their Territories, as well as their right to dispose of these resources in their best interest;

3. *Declares* that any administering Power, by depriving the colonial peoples of the exercise of these rights or by subordinating them to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the obligations it has assumed under Chapters XI and XII of the Charter of the United Nations and impedes the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Condemns* the exploitation of the colonial Territories and peoples and the methods practised in the Territories under colonial domination by those foreign economic, financial and other interests which are designed to perpetuate colonial rule;

5. *Deplores* those policies of the administering Powers aimed at encouraging the systematic inflow of foreign immigrants to colonial Territories which jeopardize the rights and interests of the colonial peoples of these Territories;

6. *Deplores* the refusal of the States concerned to implement the provisions of paragraphs 7, 8 and 10 of General Assembly resolution 2288 (XXII);

7. *Requests* the administering Powers to take immediate measures to put an end to all practices which exploit the Territories and peoples under their administration and consequently violate the political, economic and social rights of the peoples;

8. *Requests* all States to take practical measures to ensure that the activities of their nationals involved in economic, financial and other concerns in dependent Territories do not run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples, in conformity with the objectives of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to study this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use all the facilities at his disposal to render assistance to the Special Committee in the pursuit of this study.

*1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

**2426 (XXIII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence

to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Recalling* its resolution 2311 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

*Taking into account* the relevant reports submitted by the Secretary-General,<sup>8</sup> the Economic and Social Council<sup>9</sup> 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<sup>10</sup> concerning the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* that the national liberation movements in several colonial Territories, and particularly in Africa, require the urgent assistance of the specialized agencies, especially in the field of education, health and nutrition, in their struggle to attain freedom and independence,

*Noting with regret* that some of the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations, and in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, have not so far implemented General Assembly resolution 2311 (XXII) and other relevant resolutions,

*Considering* that, by virtue of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Chapters IX and X, the United Nations shall make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies,

1. *Reiterates* its appeal to the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to extend their full co-operation to the United Nations in the achievement of the objectives and provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and to those specialized agencies and the international institutions which have co-operated with the United Nations in the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. *Recommends* that the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned should assist the peoples struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, should work out, within the scope of their respective activities and in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, with the national liberation movements, concrete programmes for assisting the oppressed peoples of Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and the Territories under Portuguese domination;

4. *Appeals once again* to all the specialized agencies and international institutions, and in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Monetary Fund, to take all

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 69, A/7301.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/7203), chapter XVI, section C; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3A* (A/7203/Add.1), chapter VII, section A.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter III.

necessary steps to withhold from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa financial, economic, technical and other assistance until they renounce their policies of racial discrimination and colonial domination;

5. *Recommends* that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should withdraw the loans and credits it has granted to the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, which are being used by those Governments to suppress the national liberation movement in the Portuguese colonies and in Namibia, and against the African population of South Africa;

6. *Requests* all States, through action in the specialized agencies and international institutions of which they are members, to facilitate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, appropriate measures for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to assist the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

(b) To obtain and transmit to the Special Committee for its consideration concrete suggestions from the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned regarding the best ways and means of achieving the full and speedy implementation of the relevant resolutions;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

## 2427 (XXIII). Question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1967 to 19 June 1968<sup>11</sup> and the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>12</sup>

*Recalling* the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2112 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2227 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2348 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/7204).

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter XXIII.



Having heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power,<sup>13</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Regrets* the fact that the administering Power has not yet fully implemented the provisions of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions relating to Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Power to implement fully resolution 1514 (XV) and to this end to take the following measures in particular:

(a) To fix an early date for self-determination and independence in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Territories;

(b) To hold free elections under United Nations supervision on the basis of universal adult suffrage in order to transfer effective power to the representatives of the people of the Territories;

4. *Requests* the administering Power to report to the Trusteeship Council 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 on the action taken in this regard;

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

#### **2428 (XXIII). Question of Ifni and Spanish Sahara**

*The General Assembly,*

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territories of Ifni and Spanish Sahara,<sup>14</sup>

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also the resolution adopted on 16 October 1964 by the Special Committee,<sup>15</sup>

Reaffirming its resolutions 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 2229 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

Noting that the Government of Spain, as the administering Power, has not yet applied the provisions of resolution 1514 (XV),

Recalling the decision concerning the Territories under Spanish administration taken by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its third ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 5 to 9 November 1966,

Reaffirming its resolution 2354 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Fourth Committee, 1799th meeting, paras. 1-35.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter XIII.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 8 (part I) (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter IX, para. 112.

Noting the statement made by the administering Power on 7 December 1966 relating to Spanish Sahara,<sup>16</sup> particularly with respect to the sending of a special mission of the United Nations to this Territory, the return of exiles and the free exercise by the indigenous population of its right to self-determination,

Noting further the statement made by the Permanent Representative of the administering Power on 29 November 1968,<sup>17</sup> according to which an official Spanish delegation would leave in the immediate future for Rabat with a view to signing a treaty with the Government of Morocco on the transfer forthwith of the Territory of Ifni to Morocco,

Noting the difference in nature of the legal status of these two Territories, as well as the processes of decolonization envisaged by General Assembly resolution 2354 (XXII) for these Territories,

#### I

##### IFNI

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Ifni to self-determination in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Approves* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory of Ifni;

3. *Requests* the administering Power to take immediately the necessary steps to accelerate the decolonization of Ifni and to determine with the Government of Morocco, bearing in mind the aspirations of the indigenous population, the procedures for the transfer of powers in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Invites* the administering Power to continue the dialogue which has begun with the Government of Morocco, with a view to implementing the provisions of paragraph 3 above;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue its consideration of the situation in the Territory of Ifni and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

#### II

##### SPANISH SAHARA

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Spanish Sahara to self-determination in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Approves* the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory of Spanish Sahara;

3. *Invites* the administering Power to determine at the earliest possible date, in conformity with the aspirations of the indigenous people of Spanish Sahara and in consultation with the Governments of Mauritania and Morocco and any other interested party, the procedures for the holding of a referendum under United Nations auspices with a view to enabling the indigenous population of the Territory to exercise freely its right to self-determination and, to this end:

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 1660th meeting, paras. 1-4.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Fourth Committee, 1799th meeting, paras. 43-46.

(a) To create a favourable climate for the referendum to be conducted on an entirely free, democratic and impartial basis by permitting, *inter alia*, the return of exiles to the Territory;

(b) To take all the necessary steps to ensure that only the indigenous people of the Territory participate in the referendum;

(c) To refrain from any action likely to delay the process of the decolonization of Spanish Sahara;

(d) To provide all the necessary facilities to a United Nations mission so that it may be able to participate actively in the organization and holding of the referendum;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the administering Power and the Special Committee, to appoint immediately the special mission provided for in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2229 (XXI) and to expedite its dispatch to Spanish Sahara for the purpose of recommending practical steps for the full implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, and in particular for determining the extent of United Nations participation in the preparation and supervision of the referendum and submitting a report to him for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue its consideration of the situation in the Territory of Spanish Sahara and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.

#### 2429 (XXIII). Question of Gibraltar

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Gibraltar,

*Having heard* the statements of the administering Power<sup>18</sup> and the representative of Spain,<sup>19</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Recalling also* its resolution 2353 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

1. *Regrets* that the administering Power has failed to comply with General Assembly resolution 2353 (XXII);

2. *Declares* that the continuation of the colonial situation in Gibraltar is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. *Requests* the administering Power to terminate the colonial situation in Gibraltar no later than 1 October 1969;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to begin without delay the negotiations with the Government of Spain provided for in resolution 2353 (XXII);

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland any assistance they may require for the implementation of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 98-111.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 47-97 and 114-125.

#### 2430 (XXIII). Question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands,

*Having examined* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to these Territories,<sup>20</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions,

*Deeply concerned* at the policy of some of the administering Powers in establishing and maintaining military bases in some of the Territories under their administration, in contravention of the relevant General Assembly resolutions,

*Deploring* the attitude of the administering Powers which continue to refuse to allow United Nations visiting groups to visit the Territories under their administration,

*Conscious* that these Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of these Territories,

1. *Approves* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to these Territories;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of these Territories to self-determination and independence;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to implement without delay the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Reiterates* its declaration that any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of colonial Territories and the establishment of military bases and installations in these Territories is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapters XII, XVIII to XXI, XXIII and XXVI to XXIX.

5. *Urges* the administering Powers to allow United Nations visiting groups to visit the Territories and to extend to them full co-operation and assistance;

6. *Decides* that the United Nations should render all help to the peoples of these Territories in their efforts freely to decide their future status;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to pay special attention to these Territories and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

### **2431 (XXIII). United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2349 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 by which the special educational and training programmes for South West Africa, the special training programme for Territories under Portuguese administration and the educational and training programme for South Africans were consolidated and integrated, and its resolution 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968 on the question of Namibia,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>21</sup>

*Recalling* paragraph 14 of its resolution 2395 (XXIII) of 29 November 1968 concerning the question of the Territories under Portuguese administration, in which it invited the Secretary-General to develop and expand training programmes for inhabitants of these Territories, and chapter II, section D, of the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>22</sup>

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 70, documents A/7284 and Add.1.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 64, document A/7338 and Corr.1.

*Noting with concern* that the voluntary contributions in 1968 have been inadequate and sharing the Secretary-General's concern over the future of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa,

*Strongly convinced* that the provision of assistance for the education and training of persons from the Territories concerned is essential and that it is therefore desirable to strengthen and expand the Programme,

1. *Appeals* to all States, organizations and individuals to make generous contributions to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish an Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa composed of representatives of Member States to advise him:

(a) On the strengthening and expansion of the Programme, including, in particular, the promoting of contributions;

(b) On the granting of subventions to educational and training institutions in Africa in order to enable them to provide places for persons who come under this Programme;

(c) On any other matters concerning the Programme on which the Secretary-General may seek advice;

3. *Decides* that as a further transitional measure provision shall be made under section 12 of the regular budget for the financial year 1969 of an amount of \$100,000 to ensure the continuity of the Programme pending the receipt of adequate voluntary contributions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the progress of the Programme.

*1747th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

\* \* \*

### **Other decisions**

#### **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

##### **(Item 23)**

At its 1692nd plenary meeting, on 11 October 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>23</sup> adopted the following text as representing the consensus of the members of the Assembly:

"1. Having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Equatorial Guinea,<sup>24</sup> including the report of the United Nations Mission for the Supervision of the Referendum and the Elections in Equatorial Guinea (1968),<sup>25</sup> the General Assembly takes note of that report and expresses its appreciation of the work done by the Mission.

"2. The General Assembly also expresses its appreciation to the administering Power for making it possible for the United Nations presence to be established in the Territory as called for in General Assembly resolution 2355 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and to the Secretary-General for the action taken by him in this regard.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document A/7265, para. 5.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter IX.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, chapter IX, annex VI.

“3. In congratulating the people of the Territory on their achievement of independence and in wishing them peace and prosperity, the General Assembly expresses the confident hope that the new State will make a constructive contribution to peace and international co-operation.”

At its 1747th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>26</sup> decided to postpone the consideration of the question of French Somaliland to its twenty-fourth session.

#### **Question of Namibia (hearing of petitioners)<sup>27</sup>**

##### **(Item 64)**

At its 1725th plenary meeting, on 25 November 1968, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fourth Committee.<sup>28</sup>

#### **Question of Fiji**

##### **(Item 66)**

At its 1747th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>29</sup> decided to postpone the consideration of the question of Fiji to its twenty-fourth session.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 23, document A/7419, para. 22.

<sup>27</sup> See also resolution 2404 (XXIII), p. 3.

<sup>28</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 64, document A/7347.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 66, document A/7421, para. 6.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

## CONTENTS

Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2380 (XXIII)	Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/7302)			
	Resolution A .....	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution B .....	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution C .....	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution D .....	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution E .....	72	1 November 1968	69
	Resolution F .....	72	1 November 1968	69
2381 (XXIII)	Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions (A/7312 and Add.1 and 2)			
	Resolution A .....	76 (b)	1 November 1968	69
	Resolution B .....	76 (b)	21 December 1968	69
	Resolution C .....	76 (b)	21 December 1968	69
2390 (XXIII)	Enlargement of the Committee on Contributions: amendment to rule 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/7349)	98	25 November 1968	69
2468 (XXIII)	Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1968 (A/7466)			
	Resolution A .....	73	21 December 1968	70
	Resolution B .....	73	21 December 1968	71
2469 (XXIII)	Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/7311)	76 (a)	21 December 1968	72
2470 (XXIII)	Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors (A/7313)	76 (c)	21 December 1968	72
2471 (XXIII)	Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/7314)	76 (d)	21 December 1968	72
2472 (XXIII)	Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/7451)			
	Resolution A .....	77	21 December 1968	73
	Resolution B .....	77	21 December 1968	73
2473 (XXIII)	Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/7474)	78	21 December 1968	73
2474 (XXIII)	Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/7473)			
	Resolution A .....	79	21 December 1968	74
	Resolution B .....	79	21 December 1968	74
2475 (XXIII)	Implementation of the recommendations of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies (A/7479)			
	Resolution A .....	80	21 December 1968	74
	Resolution B .....	80	21 December 1968	75
2476 (XXIII)	Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/7471)	82	21 December 1968	75
2477 (XXIII)	United Nations International School (A/7470)	83	21 December 1968	75
2478 (XXIII)	Pattern of conferences (A/7475, A/L.565)	75	21 December 1968	76
2479 (XXIII)	Inclusion of Russian among the working languages of the General Assembly (amendment to rule 51 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly) and question of including Russian and Spanish among the working languages of the Security Council (A/7472, A/L.564)	81	21 December 1968	77
2480 (XXIII)	Composition of the Secretariat (A/7472)			
	Resolution A .....	81	21 December 1968	77
	Resolution B .....	81	21 December 1968	77
2481 (XXIII)	Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations (A/7472)			
	Resolution A .....	81	21 December 1968	78
	Resolution B .....	81	21 December 1968	78

Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2482 (XXIII)	Budget for the financial year 1969 (A/7476)			
	Resolution A .....	74	21 December 1968	78
	Resolution B .....	74	21 December 1968	80
	Resolution C .....	74	21 December 1968	80
2483 (XXIII)	Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1969 (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	81
2484 (XXIII)	Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1969 (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	81
2485 (XXIII)	Salary scales for the Professional and higher categories (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	82
2486 (XXIII)	Methods of establishing the salaries of international civil servants (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	82
2487 (XXIII)	Proposed new construction and major alterations to existing premises at United Nations Headquarters (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	82
2488 (XXIII)	Plans for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	83
2489 (XXIII)	Expenses to be incurred by the United Nations in respect of individuals or groups of experts appointed by organs or subsidiary organs for the performance of special <i>ad hoc</i> tasks (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	83
	Annex .....			84
2490 (XXIII)	Amounts of honoraria paid to the President and other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	84
2491 (XXIII)	Rates of subsistence allowances payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations (A/7476) .....	74	21 December 1968	84
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XIV, XV and XVI (sections A and B)) .....	12	21 December 1968	85

**2380 (XXIII). Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and reports of the Board of Auditors**

**A**

UNITED NATIONS

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>2</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

**B**

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Development Programme for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>3</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>4</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-Third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/7206).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/7219, paras. 1-8.*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/7206/Add.1 and Corr.1).*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/7219, paras. 9-11.*

**C**

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>5</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>6</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

**D**

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>7</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>8</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/7206/Add.2).*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/7219, paras. 12-15.*

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/7206/Add.3 and Corr.1).*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/7219, paras. 16-20.*

## E

UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING  
AND RESEARCH*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>10</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

## F

VOLUNTARY FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED  
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>11</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.<sup>12</sup>

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

**2381 (XXIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in  
the membership of the Committee on  
Contributions**

## A

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. A. V. Zakharov;

2. *Declares* Mr. Zakharov to be appointed for a period beginning on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1969.

*1709th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1968.*

## B

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. John I. M. Rhodes,

Mr. David Silveira da Mota,

Mr. Abele Zodda;

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 6D (A/7206/Add.4 and Corr.1).

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/7219, paras. 21 and 22.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 6E (A/7206/Add.5 and Corr.1).

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/7219, paras. 23 and 24.

2. *Declares* Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Silveira da Mota and Mr. Zodda to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

## C

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. Fakhreddine Mohamed,

Mr. Théodore Idzumbuir;

2. *Declares* Mr. Fakhreddine and Mr. Idzumbuir to be appointed for a three-year term beginning 1 January 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

\* \* \*

*As a result of the above appointments, the Committee on Contributions will be composed as follows: Mr. Amjad ALI (Pakistan), Mr. Raymond T. BOWMAN (United States of America), Mr. FAKHREDDINE Mohamed (Sudan), Mr. Jorge Pablo FERNANDINI (Peru), Mr. Théodore IDZUMBUIR (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Mr. F. Nouredin KIA (Iran), Mr. Stanislaw RACZKOWSKI (Poland), Mr. John I. M. RHODES (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. David SILVEIRA DA MOTA (Brasil), Mr. Maurice VIAUD (France), Mr. A. V. ZAKHAROV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. Abele ZODDA (Italy).*

**2390 (XXIII). Enlargement of the Committee  
on Contributions: amendment to rule 159  
of the rules of procedure of the General  
Assembly***The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, by which the membership of the Committee on Contributions was established at ten members,

*Noting* that the membership of the United Nations has increased substantially since the adoption of that resolution and that the present membership of the Committee on Contributions does not include any nationals of African Member States,

*Noting further* that the principle of broad geographical representation should be taken into account in the composition of the Committee on Contributions,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Committee on Contributions from ten to twelve;

2. *Decides* to amend, with effect from 1 January 1969, rule 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly to read as follows:

*"Rule 159*

*"The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions, consisting of twelve members."*

*1726th plenary meeting,  
25 November 1968.*

## 2468 (XXIII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1968

## A

## BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

*The General Assembly*

Resolves that for the financial year 1968:

1. The amount of \$US 140,430,950 appropriated by its resolution 2363 A (XXII) of 19 December 1967 shall be increased by \$US 1,356,800 as follows:

	<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 2363 A (XXII)</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised appro- priation</i>
	<i>(US dollars)</i>		
<i>Section</i>			
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>			
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies ..	1,270,700	—	1,270,700
2. Special meetings and conferences .....	2,937,100	(551,800)	2,385,300
TOTAL, PART I	4,207,800	(551,800)	3,656,000
<i>Part II. Staff costs and related expenses</i>			
3. Salaries and wages .....	59,420,800	1,102,200	60,523,000
4. Common staff costs .....	13,769,000	219,000	13,988,000
5. Travel of staff .....	2,182,500	46,000	2,228,500
6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality .....	125,000	5,000	130,000
TOTAL, PART II	75,497,300	1,372,200	76,869,500
<i>Part III. Premises, equipment, supplies and services</i>			
7. Buildings and improvements to premises .....	4,861,200	(33,000)	4,828,200
8. Permanent equipment .....	605,500	170,400	775,900
9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises .....	4,135,000	96,500	4,231,500
10. General expenses .....	5,627,000	240,000	5,867,000
11. Printing .....	1,624,400	(41,000)	1,583,400
TOTAL, PART III	16,853,100	432,900	17,286,000
<i>Part IV. Special expenses</i>			
12. Special expenses .....	9,210,800	(58,300)	9,152,500
TOTAL, PART IV	9,210,800	(58,300)	9,152,500
<i>Part V. Technical programmes</i>			
13. Economic development, social development and public administration .....	5,113,600	—	5,113,600
14. Industrial development .....	991,400	—	991,400
15. Human rights advisory services .....	220,000	—	200,000
16. Narcotic drugs control .....	75,000	—	75,000
TOTAL, PART V	6,400,000	—	6,400,000
<i>Part VI. Special missions</i>			
17. Special missions .....	6,029,600	622,800	6,652,400
TOTAL, PART VI	6,029,600	622,800	6,652,400



<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 2363 A (XXII)</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised appro- priation</i>
			<i>(US dollars)</i>
<i>Part VII. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>			
18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	3,469,000	24,000	3,493,000
TOTAL, PART VII	3,469,000	24,000	3,493,000
<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>			
19. International Court of Justice .....	1,356,350	56,000	1,412,350
TOTAL, PART VIII	1,356,350	56,000	1,412,350
<i>Part IX. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</i>			
20. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ..	9,175,000	(329,000)	8,846,000
TOTAL, PART IX	9,175,000	(329,000)	8,846,000
<i>Part X. United Nations Industrial Development Organization</i>			
21. United Nations Industrial Development Organization .....	8,232,000	(212,000)	8,020,000
TOTAL, PART X	8,232,000	(212,000)	8,020,000
GRAND TOTAL	140,430,950	1,356,800	141,787,750

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under part V shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be in accordance with the procedures and practices established for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme;

4. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 5 and 11, in a total amount of \$239,200 relating to the International Narcotics Control Board shall be administered as a unit;

5. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10, in a total amount of \$565,100 relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, shall be administered in accordance with article XXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

6. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$19,000 is appropriated from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

## B

### INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1968

#### *The General Assembly*

#### *Resolves that for the financial year 1968:*

1. The estimates of income approved by its resolution 2363 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967 shall be revised as follows:

	<i>Estimate approved by resolution 2363 B (XXII)</i>	<i>Increase or (decrease)</i>	<i>Revised estimate</i>
<i>(US dollars)</i>			
<i>Income section</i>			
<i>Part I. Income from staff assessment</i>			
1. Income from staff assessment .....	14,620,700	132,300	14,753,000
TOTAL, PART I	14,620,700	132,300	14,753,000
<i>Part II. Other income</i>			
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts .....	2,436,150	(27,600)	2,408,550
3. General income .....	3,901,000	76,600	3,977,600
4. Revenue-producing activities .....	2,677,150	163,700	2,840,850
TOTAL, PART II	9,014,300	212,700	9,227,000
GRAND TOTAL	23,635,000	345,000	23,980,000

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**2469 (XXIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. Mohsen S. Esfandiary,

Mr. André Ganem,

Mr. John I. M. Rhodes,

Mr. Salim A. Saleem;

2. *Declares* Mr. Esfandiary, Mr. Ganem, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Saleem to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

\*  
\* \* \*

*As a result of the above appointments, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions will be composed as follows: Mr. Jan P. BANNIER (Netherlands), Mr. Paulo Lopes CORRÊA (Brazil), Mr. Mohsen S. ESFANDIARY (Iran), Mr. André GANEM (France), Mr. Pedro OLARTE (Colombia), Mr. John I. M. RHODES (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Mohamed RIAD (United Arab Republic), Mr. Salim A. SALEEM (Iraq), Mr. E. Olu SANU (Nigeria), Mr. Dragos SERBANESCU (Romania), Mr. V. F. ULANCHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. Wilbur H. ZIEHL (United States of America).*

**2470 (XXIII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the Auditor-General of Colombia as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

\*  
\* \* \*

*As a result of the above appointment, the Board of Auditors will be composed as follows: the Auditor-General of CANADA, the Auditor-General of COLOMBIA and the Auditor-General of PAKISTAN.*

**2471 (XXIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal:

The Right Honourable Lord Crook,

Mr. Francis T. P. Plimpton;

2. *Declares* Lord Crook and Mr. Plimpton to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

\*  
\* \* \*

As a result of the above appointments, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal will be composed as follows: Mrs. Paul BASTID (France), the Right Honourable Lord CROOK (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Héctor Gros ESPIELL (Uruguay), Mr. Louis IGNACIO-PINTO (Dahomey), Mr. Francis T. P. PLIMPTON (United States of America), Mr. Zenon ROSSIDES (Cyprus) and Mr. R. VENKATARAMAN (India).

**2472 (XXIII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**

**A**

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

(a) The rates of assessment for the following States, which were admitted to membership in the United Nations at the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly, shall be as follows:

	Per cent
Equatorial Guinea .....	0.04
Mauritius .....	0.04
Southern Yemen .....	0.04
Swaziland .....	0.04

These rates shall be added to the scale of assessments for 1969 and 1970 contained in paragraph (a) of General Assembly resolution 2291 (XXII) of 8 December 1967;

(b) For the financial year 1967, Southern Yemen, which became a Member of the United Nations on 14 December 1967, shall contribute an amount equal to one ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the same basis of assessment for 1967 as for other Member States;

(c) For the financial year 1968, Southern Yemen shall contribute at the rate of 0.04 per cent, Mauritius, which became a Member of the United Nations on 24 April 1968, at the rate of one third of 0.04 per cent, and Swaziland and Equatorial Guinea, which became Members on 24 September and 12 November 1968, respectively, at the rate of one ninth of 0.04 per cent, these rates to be applied to the same basis of assessment for 1968 as for other Member States;

(d) The contributions payable by Southern Yemen for 1967 and 1968 and by Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius and Swaziland for 1968 shall be used for the financing of the budget for 1969 under regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

(e) The advances to the Working Capital Fund by Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius, Southern Yemen and Swaziland under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall for each of these States be 0.04 per cent of the total amount of the Fund, and these advances shall be carried as additional to the authorized level of the Fund;

(f) Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the following States, which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1969 and 1970 expenses of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization financed from the regular budget, on the basis of the rates indicated:

	Per cent
Federal Republic of Germany .....	7.01
Holy See .....	0.04
Liechtenstein .....	0.04
Monaco .....	0.04
Republic of Korea .....	0.12
Republic of Viet-Nam .....	0.07
San Marino .....	0.04
Switzerland .....	0.86
Western Samoa .....	0.04

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**B**

The General Assembly,

Considering that at its recent session a number of doubts have been expressed concerning the guidelines developed over the past twenty years as a framework for the work of the Committee on Contributions,

Considering also that at the twenty-second session of the General Assembly it was suggested in the Fifth Committee that the Committee on Contributions should review the various criteria applied in determining the scale of assessments,

Considering further that, after making the requested review, the Committee on Contributions itself concluded, in paragraph 52 of its first report,<sup>13</sup> that whether or not those terms of reference, some of which were prescribed twenty years ago, were still appropriate and sufficiently precise was primarily a matter for decision by the General Assembly,

Expressing its desire to have available all the elements of judgement needed in order to be able to accomplish the task indicated in the preceding paragraph and, if necessary, to be able to give the Committee on Contributions guidelines as closely as possible in keeping with the economic realities of Member States, especially those of the developing countries, and with other realities of Member States in relationship to the United Nations,

1. Requests the Committee on Contributions to keep under review the criteria it now uses in establishing the scale of assessments, and also its terms of reference, in the light of the debates on the subject at the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly and of the opinions which Member States have already expressed or may express in writing to the Committee;

2. Also requests the Committee on Contributions to submit a report to the General Assembly for consideration at its twenty-fourth session.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**2473 (XXIII). Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure during the year ended 31 December 1967 by the participating and executing agencies of funds earmarked from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>14</sup> and of

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/7210).

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 78 (a), document A/7321.

funds allocated from the Special Fund Account of the the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>15</sup> and of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its related reports.<sup>16</sup>

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**2474 (XXIII). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* its resolutions 311 B (IV) of 24 November 1949 and 2190 A (XXI) of 15 December 1966 on the question of the relationship between the assessments of Member States in the contributions both of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies,

*Noting* that, in its report on the administrative budgets for 1969 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions states that, while further progress has been made in the direction recommended in General Assembly resolution 2190 (XXI), some agencies, in particular the International Labour Organisation, although they have taken the first steps towards implementing that resolution, still reflect variations in their scales of assessments as compared with the United Nations scale,<sup>17</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the specialized agencies which apply methods of assessment similar to those of the United Nations and whose scales of contributions still reflect significant variations from the United Nations scale should intensify their efforts with a view to bringing their scales into harmony with the United Nations scale at the earliest possible time, taking into account differences in membership and other pertinent factors;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the specialized agencies concerned, together with the relevant comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions set forth in its report on the administrative budgets for 1969 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly periodically on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**B**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on general co-ordination matters<sup>18</sup> and on the adminis-

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 78 (b) document A/7322.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 78, documents A/7437 and A/7438.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 79, document A/7379, para. 16.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 79, document A/7380.

trative budgets for 1969 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;<sup>19</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refer the report on general co-ordination matters to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to refer to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in part III of its report on their administrative budgets for 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**2475 (XXIII). Implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2049 (XX) of 13 December 1965, 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966 and 2360 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 concerning the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,

*Recalling in particular* the provisions of resolution 2150 (XXI) in which the Assembly approved the recommendations contained in the second report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, dated 19 July 1966,<sup>20</sup> and called for the earliest possible implementation of these recommendations,

*Noting further* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1264 (XLIII) of 3 August 1967, 1277 (XLIII) and 1280 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, the relevant paragraph of section III of Council resolution 1275 (XLIII) of 4 August 1967, and Council resolutions 1378 (XLV) and 1379 (XLV) of 2 August 1968,

*Having examined* the detailed reports presented in 1968 by the Secretary-General<sup>21</sup> pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2150 (XXI) and 2360 (XXII) and the comments concerning these reports by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its ninth report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session,<sup>22</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the improved reports on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies submitted this year by the Secretary-General with the co-operation of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* that a number of the *Ad Hoc* Committee's recommendations have been implemented by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General and the organs of the United Nations, as well as the various bodies of the United Nations family, again to direct their careful

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 79, document A/7379.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 80, document A/6343.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 80 (A/7124 and Add.1).

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 80, document A/7323.

attention to the *Ad Hoc* Committee's report, with a view to a full and speedy implementation of all the recommendations that have not as yet been covered in their respective programmes of implementation;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, with the assistance of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and recommends the specialized agencies and International Atomic Energy Agency, to continue to take appropriate measures in their respective fields with a view to a full and speedy implementation of all recommendations that have not as yet been covered in their respective programmes of implementation;

5. *Appeals* to Member States to ensure co-ordination within their national representation on the organs of the United Nations system in order to make possible the full implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

6. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, while endorsing its proposals as set out in paragraph 9 of its ninth report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, to continue to review the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and to report to the General Assembly in this regard in its annual reports on the administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of the United Nations and as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to continue to encourage and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session a full and detailed report indicating clearly and succinctly in individual sections the extent of progress made by each one of them in implementing the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and, when applicable, the reasons for non-implementation.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

## B

### *The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the review of the administrative and management procedures concerning the programme and budget of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;<sup>23</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refer, through the consultative machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the special report of the Advisory Committee on the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and similar reports in the future, in the same manner as the General Assembly transmits the Advisory Committee's reports on general co-ordination matters and on the administrative budgets of the agencies.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 80, document A/7354.

## 2476 (XXIII). Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

### *The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 1968<sup>24</sup> and the annexes thereto and of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its related report.<sup>25</sup>

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

## 2477 (XXIII). United Nations International School

### *The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>26</sup> and the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School annexed thereto, and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,<sup>27</sup>

*Noting* that all studies on the physical and economic feasibility of building the United Nations International School on the site lying between East 39th and 40th Streets west of First Avenue have not yet yielded a basis on which a decision to construct the building at this site could be taken,

*Considering* that interim arrangements have been made at East 54th Street and East 51st Street through the Ford Foundation and the City of New York respectively for the period of construction of the new school,

*Noting* the rapid growth in school enrolment and the urgent need for a permanent solution to the physical problem of the School,

*Noting with regret* the slow growth of the Development Fund,

*Noting* that the Board of Trustees has made arrangements for necessary technical and financial checks on the cost of constructing a 1,500-pupil school at East 39th Street and has opened negotiations for an extension of the lease at East 25th Street to provide safeguards for ensuring that a new school can be constructed within the funds and the time available,

*Noting* that the School faces a deficit of \$61,400 for the current school year,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to extend his good offices to the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School and to urge the Board of Trustees to reach a speedy solution to the problem of a permanent accommodation for the School in order that the building of the permanent premises will if possible start before 1 June 1969;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore with delegations and with the Board of Trustees new proposals for achieving the target of the Development Fund at the earliest possible date;

3. *Decides* to contribute \$61,000 to the International School Fund in 1969 to cover the deficit foreseen for the current school year;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/7208).  
<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 82, document A/7220.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 83, document A/7358.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7389.

**2478 (XXIII). Pattern of conferences***The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957, 1851 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, 1987 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, 2116 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2239 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2361 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Conferences;<sup>28</sup>

2. Approves the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1969 contained in annex III of the report of the Committee on Conferences;

3. Approves further the recommendations regarding the pattern of recurrent conferences and meetings contained in paragraph 24 of the report of the Committee on Conferences and in this connexion requests the United Nations bodies, committees and commissions concerned to review their meetings programmes and to report to their parent organs so as to enable them to make their decisions available to the Committee on Conferences in time for the latter to present its relevant conclusions to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

4. Decides that no meetings not covered by the calendar for 1969 shall be convened, except for an emergency meeting;

5. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2239 (XXI), all proposals for new conferences and meetings made during the regular session of the Assembly will be subject to the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences and to final approval by the Assembly and that proposals made outside the regular session for changes in the approved calendar will also be subject to the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences;

6. Reaffirms, for application in 1969, the general principle that in drawing up the schedule of conferences and meetings for future years United Nations bodies shall plan to meet at their respective established headquarters, with the following exceptions:

(a) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme may, in accordance with its rules of procedure, hold one of its sessions at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(b) The sessions of the International Law Commission shall be held at Geneva;

(c) The sessions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law may be held, subject to the provision in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, alternately at Headquarters in New York and at Geneva;

(d) The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, as well as the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee and the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, may meet at Geneva if the exigencies of their work so require;

(e) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council may be held at Geneva provided that the closing date falls at least six weeks before the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly;

(f) One Headquarters-based functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined

by the Council, may meet at Geneva during the period from January to April;

(g) Sessions of not more than three other Headquarters-based functional commissions or committees of the Economic and Social Council may, by decision of the Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held at Geneva during the period from September to December without overlap;

(h) In addition, a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs may, in exceptional circumstances and by decision of the Economic and Social Council taken after consultation with the Secretary-General, be held at Headquarters in New York; in that event, one other functional commission or committee may meet at Geneva in its place;

(i) The regular sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies, may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly;

7. Confirms that bodies not mentioned in paragraph 6 above may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved;

8. Decides that, as a general rule, not more than one major special conference shall be scheduled in any one year;

9. Urges all organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, to plan their future conferences and meetings in accordance with the following recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies:

“(i) Priorities should be established for fixing the areas and programmes of meetings and conferences on a long-term basis;

“(ii) The availability of human and physical resources necessary for servicing conferences should be determined and taken into account;

“(iii) The financial ability of the organizations and of member States to meet the requirements necessary to hold conferences should be determined and taken into account;

“(iv) An adequate interval of time should be allowed between conferences of the same body or of similar nature;”<sup>29</sup>

10. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1379 (XLV) of 2 August 1968 and, in particular, paragraph 2 of that resolution, in which the Council requested those of its subsidiary organs which had not yet done so to consider at their next sessions dispensing with summary records for their meetings and for those of their own subsidiary bodies in the future and in this connexion called to their attention the decision taken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to replace summary records by shorter minutes, while reserving the right to ask for a summary record in respect of any discussion which required exceptional treatment;

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 75, documents A/7361 and Add.1.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 80, document A/6343, para. 104 (k).

11. *Requests* all organs other than those listed in paragraph 35 of the report of the Committee on Conferences to consider, in response to General Assembly resolution 2292 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, dispensing with summary records for their meetings and to report to their parent organs as appropriate, so as to enable them to make their decisions available to the Committee on Conferences in time for the latter to present its relevant conclusions to the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

12. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, bearing in mind particularly the results of the reviews envisaged in paragraph 3 above, recommendations relating to the pattern of conferences for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**2479 (XXIII). Inclusion of Russian among the working languages of the General Assembly (amendment to rule 51 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly) and question of including Russian and Spanish among the working languages of the Security Council**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2359 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967 on the use of the working languages, which pointed out that the use of several languages by the United Nations could constitute not a hindrance but rather an enrichment and a means of attaining the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Having examined* the relevant part of the report submitted by the Secretary-General,<sup>30</sup>

1. *Decides* to include Russian among the working languages of the General Assembly and to amend accordingly rule 51 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

2. *Considers* it desirable to include Russian and Spanish among the working languages of the Security Council;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the President of the Security Council.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**2480 (XXIII). Composition of the Secretariat**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2359 A (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

*Reaffirming* the need for an equitable distribution of the staff of the Secretariat among Member States as between regions, and within each region, in particular at the level of senior posts,

*Reiterating* its invitation to the Secretary-General to give preference to candidates from inadequately represented countries, keeping in mind paragraph 73 of the report of the Committee on the Reorganization of the Secretariat,<sup>31</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the information in table 10, based on weighted geographical distribution, contained in the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>32</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include in his future reports a table based on weighted geographical distribution;

3. *Renews* its request to the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to achieve a better geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat at all levels;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2241 B (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2359 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967 relating to the use of the working languages and to the establishment of a language bonus, and in particular paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 2359 B (XXII) concerning the need to ensure a linguistic balance within the Secretariat,

*Having considered* the relevant part of the report submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2359 B (XXII),<sup>33</sup>

*Having noted with satisfaction* the measures recommended by the Secretary-General in his report with a view to bringing about a broad expansion of the language training programme already conducted by the Secretariat and ensuring its effectiveness by incentives in the matter of the promotion of staff in the Professional category subject to geographical distribution,<sup>34</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with a view to ensuring a linguistic balance, to take the following steps:

(a) From 1 January 1970 the acceptable minimum requirement at the moment of recruitment will be:

(i) Ability to use one of the working languages of the Secretariat, or

(ii) Ability to use one of the working languages of a United Nations organ in the case of staff members recruited for one of the sections of the Secretariat working for that organ, it being understood that such staff members will not be appointed on a permanent basis, or that their fixed-term engagement will not be extended beyond two years, until they are able to work in one of the working languages of the Secretariat;

(b) From 1 January 1972:

(i) All promotions from one grade to another, from P-1 to D-2 inclusive, for staff subject to geographical distribution will be conditional upon adequate and confirmed knowledge of a second language; nevertheless, the Secretary-General may authorize the promotion of the staff members specified above who do not fulfil that condition if he deems it necessary for the proper functioning of the Secretariat; the Secretary-General shall indicate what action has been taken in this respect in his annual report to the General Assembly on personnel questions;

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 81, document A/7334.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, addendum to agenda item 74 (A/7359), annex.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 81, document A/7334, annex III.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7334.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 52-60 and 88-95.

(ii) Adequate and confirmed knowledge of a second language will permit more rapid passage through the steps within each grade, from P-1 to D-2 inclusive, for the same staff, in this case the interval between steps being ten months instead of twelve; a reduction by the same proportion will be applied for grades where the interval between each step is at present more than twelve months;

2. *Decides* that confirmation of the knowledge of a second language shall be the obtaining of the language proficiency certificate as at present awarded by the United Nations, that is, by boards consisting of language teachers; since the end in view is essentially to provide understanding of the written and the spoken language, the language training courses will have to be modified accordingly;

3. *Decides* that the second language, knowledge of which will be confirmed by the award of the language proficiency certificate, shall be one of the official languages listed in rule 51 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to take all the necessary steps to enable all the staff members specified above who so request to take language courses and to ensure that modern teaching methods are used as widely as possible;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, in 1973, on the action taken under the present resolution, in order to enable the Assembly to take, if necessary, whatever steps it may deem appropriate, bearing in mind the present resolution and resolutions 2241 B (XXI) and 2359 B (XXII), it being understood that the application of the language bonus established by the Assembly in resolution 2359 B (XXII) remains in suspense pending the decision to be taken by the Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

#### **2481 (XXIII). Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations**

##### **A**

##### *The General Assembly*

1. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventh report to the General Assembly at the twenty-third session;<sup>35</sup>

2. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1969, the maximum amount of the education grant payable to eligible members of the staff of the United Nations shall be \$1,000 per scholastic year for each child;

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7295.

3. *Amends* regulation 3.2 of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations accordingly.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

##### **B**

##### *The General Assembly*

1. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its tenth report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session;<sup>36</sup>

2. *Decides* to amend paragraphs 1 and 3 of annex I to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations to read as follows:

"SALARY AND ALLOWANCES — ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, UNDER-SECRETARIES-GENERAL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES-GENERAL

##### *"Annex I, paragraph 1*

"The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, having a status equivalent to that of the executive head of a major specialized agency, shall receive a salary of \$US 43,000 per year, an Under-Secretary-General shall receive a salary of \$US 33,500<sup>37</sup> per year and an Assistant Secretary-General shall receive a salary of \$US 30,000<sup>37</sup> per year, subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided in Staff Regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied. If otherwise eligible, they shall receive the allowances which are available to staff members generally."

##### *"Annex I, paragraph 3*

"The Secretary-General is authorized, on the basis of appropriate justification and/or reporting, to make additional payments to Directors and, where offices are away from Headquarters, to their heads, to compensate for such special costs as may be reasonably incurred in the interest of the Organization in the performance of duties assigned to them by the Secretary-General. The maximum total amount of such payments is to be determined in the annual budget by the General Assembly."

3. *Decides* to insert paragraph 3, as amended above, after paragraph 5 of annex I and to renumber the paragraphs accordingly;

4. *Takes note* of the changes made by the Secretary-General in the Staff Rules in the year ending 31 August 1968, as set forth in his report to the Fifth Committee.<sup>38</sup>

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7328.

<sup>37</sup> See also resolution 2485 (XXIII), para. (a)(i).

<sup>38</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 81, document A/C.5/1170.*

#### **2482 (XXIII). Budget for the financial year 1969**

##### **A**

##### BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1969

##### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that for the financial year 1969:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 154,915,250 are hereby voted for the following purposes:



<i>Section</i>	<i>(US dollars)</i>	
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>		
1. Travel and other expenses of representatives and members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies .....	1,333,450	
2. Special meetings and conferences .....	1,594,400	
	<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<b>2,927,850</b>
<i>Part II. Staff costs and related expenses</i>		
3. Salaries and wages .....	68,495,300	
4. Common staff costs .....	16,362,000	
5. Travel of staff .....	2,182,600	
6. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality .....	140,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b>87,179,900</b>
<i>Part III. Premises, equipment, supplies and services</i>		
7. Buildings and improvements to premises .....	5,352,100	
8. Permanent equipment .....	769,200	
9. Maintenance, operation and rental of premises .....	4,765,000	
10. General expenses .....	6,073,800	
11. Printing .....	1,692,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART III</b>	<b>18,652,100</b>
<i>Part IV. Special expenses</i>		
12. Special expenses .....	9,215,500	
	<b>TOTAL, PART IV</b>	<b>9,215,500</b>
<i>Part V. Technical programmes</i>		
13. Economic development, social development and public administration .....	5,113,600	
14. Industrial development .....	1,500,000	
15. Human rights advisory services .....	220,000	
16. Narcotic drugs control .....	75,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART V</b>	<b>6,908,600</b>
<i>Part VI. Special missions</i>		
17. Special missions .....	6,786,700	
	<b>TOTAL, PART VI</b>	<b>6,786,700</b>
<i>Part VII. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>		
18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	3,829,200	
	<b>TOTAL, PART VII</b>	<b>3,829,200</b>
<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>		
19. International Court of Justice .....	1,396,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART VIII</b>	<b>1,396,000</b>
<i>Part IX. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</i>		
20. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development .....	8,326,200	
	<b>TOTAL, PART IX</b>	<b>8,326,200</b>
<i>Part X. United Nations Industrial Development Organisation</i>		
21. United Nations Industrial Development Organization .....	9,693,200	
	<b>TOTAL, PART X</b>	<b>9,693,200</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>154,915,250</b>

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The appropriations for technical assistance programmes under part V shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, except that the definition of obligations and the period of validity of obligations shall be in accordance with the procedures and practices established for the Technical Assistance component of the United Nations Development Programme;

4. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 5 and 11, in a total amount of \$252,300 relating to the International Narcotics Control Board, shall be administered as a unit;

5. The provisions under sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10, in a total amount of \$632,700 relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, shall be administered in accordance with article XXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

6. In addition to the appropriations voted under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$19,000 is appropriated from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

## B

### INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1969

#### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that for the financial year 1969:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US27,220,240 are approved as follows:

<i>Income section</i>	<i>(US dollars)</i>	
<i>Part I. Income from staff assessment</i>		
1. Income from staff assessment .....	17,985,000	
	TOTAL, PART I	17,985,000
<i>Part II. Other income</i>		
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts .....	2,704,790	
3. General income .....	3,298,250	
4. Revenue-producing activities .....	3,232,200	
	TOTAL, PART II	9,235,240
	GRAND TOTAL	27,220,240

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, and the sale of publications, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

## C

### FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1969

#### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that for the financial year 1969:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US 154,915,250, together with supplementary appropriations for 1968 totalling \$1,356,800,<sup>39</sup> shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

- (a) As to \$9,235,240, by income other than staff assessment approved under resolution B above;
- (b) As to \$3,280,256, by the amount available in the surplus account for the financial year 1967;
- (c) As to \$76,587, by contributions of new Member States for the financial years 1967 and 1968;
- (d) As to \$212,700,<sup>39</sup> by the revised income other than staff assessment for 1968;

<sup>39</sup> See resolution 2468 (XXIII).

(e) As to \$143,467,267, by assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2291 (XXII) of 8 December 1967 on the scale of assessments for the financial years 1968, 1969 and 1970;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund in a total amount of \$18,299,012, comprising:

(a) \$17,985,000, being the estimated staff assessment income for 1969;

(b) \$181,712, being the excess of actual income over the approved estimated income from staff assessment for 1967;

(c) \$132,300,<sup>39</sup> being the increase in the revised income from staff assessment for 1968.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**2483 (XXIII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1969**

*The General Assembly*

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses in the financial year 1969, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute of the Court, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$48,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that if, as a result of a decision of the Security Council, commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security should arise in an estimated total exceeding \$10 million before the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, a special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**2484 (XXIII). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1969**

*The General Assembly*

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1969 in the amount of \$US 40 million;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the financial year 1969;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Members resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in a total amount of \$1,079,158;

(b) Cash advances paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1968 under General Assembly resolution 2365 (XXII) of 19 December 1967;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 2483 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$150,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total of \$150,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

5. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in 1969, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions

approved in General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

#### 2485 (XXIII). Salary scales for the Professional and higher categories

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>40</sup> together with the relevant reports of the International Civil Service Advisory Board<sup>41</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>42</sup>

Decides that:

(a) With effect from 1 January 1969, annex I to the Staff Regulations shall be amended as follows:

- (i) In paragraph 1, replace "\$US 33,500" by "\$US 36,850" and "\$US 30,000" by "\$US 32,950";
- (ii) In paragraph 4, replace the existing salary scales by the following:

*(In US dollars)*

*Principal Officer and Director category*

Director	\$26,410 by two increments of \$700 and one of \$710 to \$28,520
Principal Officer	\$21,960 by increments of \$710 to \$23,380, and then by increments of \$720 to \$26,260

*Professional category*

Senior Officer	\$19,120 by increments of \$540 to \$21,280, and then by increments of \$550 to \$24,030
First Officer	\$15,260 by increments of \$470 to \$17,610, and then by increments of \$480 to \$20,490
Second Officer	\$12,380 by increments of \$400 to \$17,180
Associate Officer	\$ 9,940 by increments of \$340 to \$12,660, and then by increments of \$350 to \$13,360
Assistant Officer	\$ 7,600 by increments of \$310 to \$10,390

(b) In applying paragraph 9 of annex I of the Staff Regulations:

- (i) The amounts of post adjustment for each 5 per cent variation in the cost of living above or below the new base level shall, at all the main headquarters areas and normally at all other offices, be those specified in annex III of the report of the Secretary-General;
- (ii) The United Nations post adjustment index at Geneva based on 1 January 1966 shall be deemed to be 100, in place of 105, to compensate for the consolidation of one class of post adjustment in the base salaries and the post adjustment indices at all other duty stations shall be adjusted accordingly by 100/105 as from 1 January 1969.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

<sup>40</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/7236.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7280.

#### 2486 (XXIII). Methods of establishing the salaries of international civil servants

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>43</sup> together with the relevant reports of the International Civil Service Advisory Board<sup>44</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>45</sup>

Noting that sections A and B of chapter II of the report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board contain only the broad outlines of the Board's recommendations regarding methods of establishing salaries for international civil servants,

Noting also the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 6 of its report,

Mindful of the various possible effects of the changes envisaged by the International Civil Service Advisory Board in its report,

Recognizing that Member States should have an opportunity of examining these effects in detail, particularly in respect of those features of the salary system which are of special concern to them,

Recognizing the need to clarify the principles on which staff salaries may be based,

Conscious of the need to preserve the "common system",

1. Requests that in the report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board on its seventeenth session separate chapters be included describing the progress made on:

(a) The review proposed by the International Civil Service Advisory Board in paragraph 114 of the report on its thirteenth session,<sup>46</sup> in the light of the observations contained in paragraph 45 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>47</sup>

(b) The construction of the international salary index and the study of "world market rates";

2. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the International Civil Service Advisory Board on its seventeenth session as a document of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

#### 2487 (XXIII). Proposed new construction and major alterations to existing premises at United Nations Headquarters

*The General Assembly,*

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General<sup>48</sup> and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>49</sup> on proposals for new construction and major alterations to existing premises at United Nations Headquarters in New York,

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7236.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7280.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 77, document A/5918/Add.1.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/6056.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1183.

<sup>49</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7366.

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Fund for Area Planning and Development, Inc., for the considerable financial outlay and the time and effort devoted to the feasibility study it has made regarding the acquisition and development for possible use by the United Nations of the area located south of the Headquarters site and east of First Avenue, and for the excellence of the technical presentation of proposed construction plans;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed, at an estimated cost to the United Nations of \$250,000 in 1969, with the preparation of detailed plans and specifications on which reliable cost estimates could be based and to report on the result to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in formulating his further proposals, to take into account projected space requirements at Headquarters beyond 1976 and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the problem of accommodation at Headquarters considered in the over-all context of the development of the United Nations during the next twenty years and the disposition of staff during this period in relation to available and potential accommodation in New York, Geneva or at United Nations offices in other localities.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**2488 (XXIII). Plans for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>50</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>51</sup> concerning changes in the programme for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, approved under General Assembly resolution 2246 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

1. *Approves* the revisions in the programme for the extension of the Palais des Nations as set out in the reports of the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as well as the proposals for financing the entire programme, as modified, at a construction cost not to exceed \$US 22 million;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the revised programme;

3. *Decides* that the schedule of annual budget instalments contained in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 2246 (XXI) shall be amended as follows:

	<i>Annual instalment (US dollars)</i>
For the years 1967 to 1970 .....	1,000,000
For the years 1971 to 1974 .....	1,500,000
For the years 1975 to 1981 .....	1,860,000
For the year 1982 .....	1,830,000
Instead of:	
For the years 1967 to 1974 .....	1,000,000
For the years 1975 to 1979 .....	1,500,000
For the year 1980 .....	495,000

<sup>50</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/1179.

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7337.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in the progress of the extension programme and to report annually to the General Assembly on this matter until the new construction is completed.

1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.

**2489 (XXIII). Expenses to be incurred by the United Nations in respect of individuals or groups of experts appointed by organs or subsidiary organs for the performance of special ad hoc tasks**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its decision by resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 on the payment by the United Nations of travel and subsistence costs in respect of members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as well as its endorsement at the 1082nd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1961,<sup>52</sup> of the recommendation by the Fifth Committee regarding the rules governing the payment of honoraria to such members,<sup>53</sup>

*Considering* that additional rules are called for to govern such payments to individuals appointed by organs or subsidiary organs to undertake in their personal capacity the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks on behalf of the bodies involved,

1. *Reaffirms* the basic principles governing the payment of travel and subsistence costs of members of organs and subsidiary organs as laid down in General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII);

2. *Reaffirms* the basic principles adopted at its 1082nd plenary meeting governing the payment of honoraria to such persons, according to which neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to subsistence allowances at the standard rate shall normally be paid to members of organs or subsidiary organs;

3. *Decides* that the following additional rules shall become effective as from 1 January 1969:

(a) A clear distinction shall be drawn between:

- (i) Individuals appointed by organs or subsidiary organs to undertake in their personal capacity the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks on behalf of the bodies involved;
- (ii) Experts or consultants appointed by the Secretary-General to assist him in the performance of special studies or other *ad hoc* tasks entrusted to the Secretariat;

(b) Cases falling under category (i) above shall be governed by the rules established by the General Assembly in its resolution 1798 (XVII) on the payment of travel and subsistence costs of members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and the decision taken by the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on the payment of honoraria, namely, that neither a fee nor any other remuneration in addition to travel expenses and a subsistence allowance at the standard rate shall normally be payable;

(c) If a fee or remuneration is proposed by way of exception to the established rules, the decision shall invariably be taken by the General Assembly after prior examination by the Fifth Committee of any

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 1082nd meeting, para. 7.

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/5005, para. 10.

special considerations in the particular case; the criterion might be whether the person best qualified for a particular task could be induced to accept the appointment unless some financial provision was made to compensate for the loss of professional earnings; thus a factor in each case would be whether or not the person concerned would remain in the employ of a Government or other institution without suspension of normal emoluments; in such cases, at least as far as Member States are concerned, it shall be assumed, in any event, that they would normally wish to make available to the Organization without charge the services of persons in their employ;

4. *Decides* that the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall not be deemed to apply to the payment of any honoraria which it has already authorized on an exceptional basis and which are enumerated in the annex to the present resolution.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

#### ANNEX

##### Payment of honoraria authorized on an exceptional basis by the General Assembly

	<i>(US dollars)</i>
Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions .....	5,000 <sup>a</sup>
Chairman of the International Law Commission ...	2,500 <sup>b</sup>
Special rapporteurs of the International Law Commission .....	2,500 <sup>b</sup>
Other members of the International Law Commission .....	1,000
President of the International Narcotics Control Board .....	2,500
Vice-Presidents of the International Narcotics Control Board .....	1,500
Other members of the International Narcotics Control Board .....	1,000
President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal .....	2,500
Other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal .....	1,000 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Honorarium to be paid only so long as the Chairman is not in the service of his Government.

<sup>b</sup> Payment of an amount of \$2,500, rather than the minimum amount of \$1,000 payable to all members, to be conditional upon the preparation of specific reports or studies between sessions of the Commission.

<sup>c</sup> On the basis of \$500 for each session in which the members of the Tribunal participate, provided that the maximum amount payable in any one year shall not exceed \$1,000 (see resolution 2490 (XXIII)).

##### 2490 (XXIII). Amounts of honoraria paid to the President and other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its endorsement at the 960th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1960,<sup>54</sup> of the recommendation submitted by the Fifth Committee regarding the payment, as an exceptional measure, of honoraria to the

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 960th meeting, para. 182.

President and other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal,<sup>55</sup>

*Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1969, the following increased amounts shall be payable:

(a) An amount of \$2,500 per annum to the President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(b) An amount of \$500 to the other members of the Tribunal in respect of each session in which they participate, provided that the maximum amount paid in any one year shall not exceed \$1,000.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

##### 2491 (XXIII). Rates of subsistence allowances payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the increases in subsistence costs that have occurred since the rates of subsistence allowances were last revised in General Assembly resolution 1588 (XV) of 20 December 1960,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>56</sup> together with the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>57</sup>

1. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1969, daily subsistence allowances shall be payable to eligible members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as follows:

(a) While attending meetings away from their normal place of residence or duty station, at rates equivalent to the standard travel subsistence allowance rates for officials of the Secretariat, plus 40 per cent, rounded to the nearest United States dollar and normally payable in local currency, provided that the Secretary-General may establish minimum and maximum rates if he deems it appropriate, and may reduce the rates in the event of the provision of board and/or lodging by a host Government;

(b) While attending meetings at the place of residence or duty station, the equivalent in local currency of \$US 10;

(c) While travelling by a direct route, by ship, aeroplane or train, the amount of \$US 8;

2. *Decides* that the present resolution shall supersede General Assembly resolution 1588 (XV) and paragraph 7 of the annex to Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962;

3. *Further decides* that the subsistence allowance rates for members of the International Court of Justice, payable under the travel and subsistence regulations of the Court, shall be the same as those set forth in paragraph 1 (a) above.

*1752nd plenary meeting,  
21 December 1968.*

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/4609, para. 10.

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 74, document A/C.5/1178.

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/7304.

*Other decisions*

**Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XIV, XV and XVI  
sections A and B))**

**(Item 12)**

At its 1752nd plenary meeting, on 21 December 1968, the General Assembly took note of chapters XIV, XV and XVI (sections A and B) of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>58</sup>

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203).





RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

CONTENTS

<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
2400 (XXIII)	Report of the International Law Commission (A/7370) .....	84	11 December 1968	87
2419 (XXIII)	Draft Convention on Special Missions (A/7375) .....	85	18 December 1968	88
2420 (XXIII)	Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression (A/7402) .....	86	18 December 1968	88
2421 (XXIII)	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/7408) .....	88	18 December 1968	88
2463 (XXIII)	Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations (A/7429) .....	87	20 December 1968	89
2464 (XXIII)	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (A/7436) .....	89	20 December 1968	90
<b>Other decisions</b>				
	Draft Convention on Special Missions .....	85	18 December 1968	90
	Appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law .....	89	20 December 1968	91

**2400 (XXIII). Report of the International Law Commission**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twentieth session,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 1686 (XVI) of 18 December 1961, 1765 (XVII) of 20 November 1962, 1902 (XVIII) of 18 November 1963, 2045 (XX) of 8 December 1965, 2167 (XXI) of 5 December 1966 and 2272 (XXII) of 1 December 1967, by which it recommended that the International Law Commission should continue its work of codification and progressive development of the law of succession of States and Governments and relations between States and inter-governmental organizations, expedite the study of State responsibility, study the most-favoured-nation clause and carry out a review of its programme and methods of work,

*Emphasising* the need for the further codification and progressive development of international law in order to make it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations and to give increased importance to its role in relations among nations,

*Noting with appreciation* that the United Nations Office at Geneva organized in July 1968, during the twentieth session of the International Law Commission, a fourth session of the Seminar on International Law and that more scholarships in the Seminar were made available for participants from developing countries,

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/7209/Rev.1).

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twentieth session;

2. *Expresses its profound appreciation* to the International Law Commission of the valuable work it has accomplished during the past twenty years in the progressive development and codification of international law;

3. *Notes with approval* the programme and organization of work planned by the International Law Commission, including the preparation, in accordance with article 18 of its Statute, of the new survey of the whole field of international law referred to in paragraph 99 of the Commission's report, but, with respect to the Commission's wish to reserve the possibility of a winter session in 1970, decides to defer a final decision until its twenty-fourth session;

4. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Continue its work on succession of States and Governments and relations between States and international organizations, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 1765 (XVII) and 1902 (XVIII);

(b) Continue its study of the most-favoured-nation clause;

(c) Make every effort to begin substantive work on State responsibility as from its next session, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 1765 (XVII) and 1902 (XVIII);

5. *Expresses the wish* that, in conjunction with future sessions of the International Law Commission, other seminars might be organized, which should continue to ensure the participation of an increasing number of nationals of developing countries;

6. *Notes* that the Secretary-General has under study the questions raised in paragraphs 98 (b) and 98 (c) of the report of the International Law Commission;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions on the Commission's report at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

*1738th plenary meeting,  
11 December 1968.*

#### 2419 (XXIII). Draft Convention on Special Missions

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Draft Convention on Special Missions",

*Noting* that it has not been possible for the General Assembly, in the time available at its twenty-third session, to complete the text of the Convention on Special Missions,

1. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session the item entitled "Draft Convention on Special Missions" with a view to the adoption of the Convention by the General Assembly at that session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the presence of the Special Rapporteur on Special Missions as an expert during the debates on the topic at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

*1746th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

#### 2420 (XXIII). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression,<sup>2</sup>

*Taking note* of the progress made by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in the report of the Special Committee,

*Considering* that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its consideration of the question of defining aggression and of the draft definition before the end of 1968,

*Considering* that in its resolution 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), as early as possible in 1969;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

*1746th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 86, document A/7185/Rev.1.

#### 2421 (XXIII). Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session,<sup>3</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined its object and terms of reference,

*Noting* the chapter of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventh session<sup>4</sup> concerning the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session, and noting further that the Board expressed its appreciation of the Commission's report and commended the Commission for its programme of work,

*Endorsing* the statement in which the Trade and Development Board<sup>5</sup> emphasized that the needs of developing countries should receive adequate attention in the programme of work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and stressed the importance of co-operation between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Commission at the intergovernmental and secretariat levels,

*Bearing in mind* the wish expressed by many members of the Trade and Development Board at its seventh session that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should add international shipping legislation to its list of priority topics<sup>6</sup> and also bearing in mind the activities of other agencies active in this field,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law intends to carry out its work in co-operation with organs and organizations concerned with the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law and that such co-operation has already been initiated,

*Convinced* that the harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, would significantly contribute to economic co-operation between countries and, thereby, to their well-being,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General concerning the financial and administrative implications of the establishment of a register of organizations and a register of texts in the field of international trade law,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session;

2. *Notes with approval* the programme of work established by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a register of organizations in accordance with directives laid down by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

4. *Approves* in principle the proposal to establish a register of the international instruments and other documents referred to in chapter V of the report of

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7216).

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214), part two, chapter VII.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 165.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 74.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 88, document A/C.6/L.648; A/C.6/L.648/Add.1.

the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and requests that the Commission should consider further at its second session the precise nature and scope of such a register in the light of the report of the Secretary-General and the discussions on the registers at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the register referred to in paragraph 4 above in accordance with the further directives to be given by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its second session;

6. *Recommends* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should:

(a) Continue its work on the topics to which it decided to give priority, that is, the international sale of goods, international payments and international commercial arbitration;

(b) Consider the inclusion of international shipping legislation among the priority topics in its work programme;

(c) Consider opportunities for training and assistance in the field of international trade law, in the light of relevant reports of the Secretary-General;

(d) Keep its programme of work under constant review, bearing in mind the interests of all peoples, and particularly those of the developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade;

(e) Consider at its second session ways and means of promoting co-ordination of the work of organizations active in the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law and of encouraging co-operation among them;

(f) Consider, when appropriate, the possibility of issuing a yearbook which would make its work more readily available;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions on the Commission's report at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

*1746th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1968.*

**2463 (XXIII). Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1966 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, 2103 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2181 (XXI) of 12 December 1966 and 2327 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, which affirm the importance of the progressive development and codification of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States,

*Recalling further* that among the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

*Considering* that the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the

Charter of the United Nations is of paramount importance for the maintenance of international peace and security and the improvement of the international situation,

*Considering further* that the progressive development and codification of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States, so as to secure their more effective application, would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 2131 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

*Convinced* of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement in the process of elaboration of the seven principles of international law set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), but without prejudice to the applicability of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, with a view to the adoption of a declaration which would constitute a landmark in the progressive development and codification of those principles,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States,<sup>8</sup> which met in New York from 9 to 30 September 1968,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Committee for the valuable work it has performed;

3. *Decides* to ask the Special Committee, as reconstituted by General Assembly resolution 2103 (XX), to meet in 1969 in New York, Geneva or any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, in order to continue and complete its work;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee, in the light of the debate which took place in the Sixth Committee during the previous and present sessions of the General Assembly and in the 1964, 1966, 1967 and 1968 sessions of the Special Committee, to endeavour to resolve, in the light of General Assembly resolution 2327 (XXII), all relevant questions relating to the formulation of the seven principles, in order to complete its work as far as possible, and to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *Calls upon* the members of the Special Committee to devote their utmost efforts to ensuring the success of the Special Committee's session, in particular by undertaking, in the period preceding the session, such consultations and other preparatory measures as they may deem necessary;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Special Committee in its task and to provide all the services, documentation and other facilities necessary for its work;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations".

*1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 87, document A/7326.

**2464 (XXIII). United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2204 (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 2313 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 regarding the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme<sup>9</sup> and the recommendations made to the Secretary-General by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, which are contained in that report,<sup>10</sup>

Considering that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by the international organizations concerned, by Member States and others,

Considering that, in the organization and conduct of regional seminars and training courses, due regard should be paid to reflecting United Nations efforts towards the codification and progressive development of international law and, in so far as appropriate, the legal thinking of the principal legal systems of the world,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for their increasing participation in the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, particularly in the organization of regional seminars and training courses, in the preparation of studies in international law and in the conduct of fellowship programmes;

2. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretary-General intends to continue his efforts to encourage and co-ordinate the activities of States and international organizations concerned in the furtherance of the objectives of the Programme;

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 89, document A/7305.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, chapter IV.

3. Expresses the hope that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research will be able to hold jointly a regional training course in Asia in 1969;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1969 the activities specified in his report, and in particular to provide:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Advisory services of experts, if requested by developing countries, within the framework of existing technical assistance programmes or from such voluntary contributions as may be received for that purpose;

(c) A set of United Nations legal publications for up to fifteen institutions in developing countries and current United Nations legal publications for the institutions which have previously received a set of United Nations legal publications in 1967 and 1968 under the present Programme;

5. Reiterates its request to Member States and interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

6. Approves in principle, subject to further consideration by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law before the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General's recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme after 1969;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1969 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1970;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".

1751st plenary meeting,  
20 December 1968.

\* \* \*

**Other decisions**

**Draft Convention on Special Missions**

**(Item 85)**

At its 1746th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>11</sup> took the following decision:

"1. In the consideration of the item entitled 'Draft Convention on Special Missions' by a Main Committee at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, without prejudice to the right of the Committee to consider any changes proposed by the Drafting Committee when it co-ordinates and reviews the drafting of the whole text, articles already adopted or rejected by the Sixth Committee may not be reconsidered unless the Main Committee, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider will only be accorded to two speakers

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 85, document A/7375, para. 248.

opposing the motion, as provided by rule 124 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

"2. At its twenty-fourth session, the General Assembly will take its decisions on the draft articles by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, pursuant to rule 85 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

**Appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law**

*(Item 89)*

At its 1751st plenary meeting, on 20 December 1968, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Sixth Committee,<sup>12</sup> appointed the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for a term of office beginning on 1 January 1969 and ending on 31 December 1971.

The Advisory Committee will be composed of the following Member States: BELGIUM, ECUADOR, FRANCE, GHANA, HUNGARY, IRAQ, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 89, document A/7436, para. 10.



## COMPOSITION OF ORGANS

This list provides a reference to the composition of the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council and the International Court of Justice, and of organs established by the General Assembly. The composition of an organ will be found in the volume of resolutions for the session indicated in roman figures, on the page of that volume given in the right-hand column.

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Page</i>
<i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies .....	XX	73
Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (members appointed by the General Assembly) .....	IV	23
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions .....	XXIII	72
Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law <sup>a</sup> .....	XXIII	91
Board of Auditors .....	XXIII	72
Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (Enlarged Committee) ..	XXI	38
Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa .....	XX	18
Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgments <sup>b</sup> .....	X	30
Committee on Arrangements for a Conference for the Purpose of Reviewing the Charter .....	X	49
Committee on Conferences .....	XXI	88
Committee on Contributions .....	XXIII	69
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space .....	{ XIV	5
	{ XVI, Vol. I	7
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction .....	XXIII	17
Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament .....	XVI, Vol. I	7
Disarmament Commission .....	XIV	4
Economic and Social Council .....	XXIII	xiv
Industrial Development Board .....	XXIII	xv
International Court of Justice .....	XXI	xiii
International Law Commission .....	XXI	xiii
Investments Committee .....	XXII	65
Peace Observation Commission .....	XXII	8
Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade .....	XXIII	28
Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples ..	XXIII	6
Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations <sup>b</sup> .....	XXIII	8
Security Council .....	XXIII	xiv
Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations .....	XIX	8
Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States .....	{ XVIII	71
	{ XX	92
Special Committee on the Policies of <i>Apartheid</i> of the Government of the Republic of South Africa .....	XVII	10
Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression .....	XXII, Vol. II	9
Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	XXIII	7

<sup>a</sup> The Committee received this designation pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2204 (XXI). It was originally established under resolution 2099 (XX) as the Advisory Committee on Technical Assistance to Promote the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law.

<sup>b</sup> Composed of the Member States represented on the General Committee of the General Assembly at the twenty-third session. See p. xiii.

<i>Organs</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Page</i>
Trusteeship Council <sup>c</sup> .....	XXII	51
United Nations Administrative Tribunal .....	XXIII	73
United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea .....	V	9
United Nations Commission on International Trade Law .....	XXII	xv
United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine .....	III, part I	25
United Nations Council for Namibia <sup>d</sup> .....	S-V	2
United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee .....	{IX XIII	5 60
United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation .....	X	5
United Nations Staff Pension Committee (members appointed by the General Assembly) .....	XXII	65

<sup>c</sup> Liberia should be deleted from the list of members of the Council since its term of office expired on 31 December 1968.

<sup>d</sup> The Council received this designation pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2372 (XXII). It was originally established under resolution 2248 (S-V) as the United Nations Council for South West Africa.



## CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS

This list provides a reference to the conventions and declarations and to the agreements, covenants and treaties the texts of which appear in the volumes of resolutions.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Resolution No.</i>
Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space .....	2345 (XXII)
Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others .....	317 (IV)
Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages .....	1763 A (XVII)
Convention on the International Right of Correction .....	630 (VII)
Convention on the Nationality of Married Women .....	1040 (XI)
Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity .....	2391 (XXIII)
Convention on the Political Rights of Women .....	640 (VII)
Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies ..	179 (II)
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide ..	260 A (III)
Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations .....	22 A (I)
Declaration of Legal Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space .....	1962 (XVIII)
Declaration of the Rights of the Child .....	1386 (XIV)
Declaration on Territorial Asylum .....	2312 (XXII)
Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women .....	2263 (XXII)
Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	1514 (XV)
Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty .....	2131 (XX)
Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples .....	2037 (XX)
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination .....	2106 A (XX)
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Optional Protocol .....	2200 A (XXI)
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights .....	2200 A (XXI)
Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies .....	2222 (XXI)
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons .....	2373 (XXII)
United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination .....	1904 (XVIII)
Universal Declaration of Human Rights .....	217 A (III)

## INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

This index provides a reference, by agenda item, to the resolutions adopted and other action taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.

<i>Agenda item</i>		<i>Page</i>
1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Romania		
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation		
3. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly		
(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee		xiii
(b) Report of the Credentials Committee	Resolution 2492 (XXIII)	6
4. Election of the President		xiii
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers		xiii
6. Election of Vice-Presidents		xiii
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations	Decision	6
8. Adoption of the agenda	Decision	6
9. General debate		
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization	Decision	7
11. Report of the Security Council	Resolution 2405 (XXIII)	4
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council	Resolution 2432 (XXIII)	43
	Resolution 2433 (XXIII)	43
	Resolution 2434 (XXIII)	44
	Resolution 2458 (XXIII)	34
	Resolution 2459 (XXIII)	35
	Resolution 2460 (XXIII)	35
	Resolution 2461 (XXIII)	35
	Decisions	7, 37, 85
13. Report of the Trusteeship Council	Resolution 2427 (XXIII)	62
14. Report of the International Court of Justice	Decision	7
15. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency	Resolution 2457 (XXIII)	4
16. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council		xiii
17. Election of nine members of the Economic and Social Council		xiv
18. Election of members of the Industrial Development Board		xiv
19. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees		xv
20. Admission of new Members to the United Nations	Resolution 2376 (XXIII)	1
	Resolution 2384 (XXIII)	1
21. Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: report of the Secretary-General	Resolution 2406 (XXIII)	4
22. Installation of mechanical means of voting: report of the Secretary-General	Decision	7

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Page</i>
	Resolution 2379 (XXIII) 57
	Resolution 2383 (XXIII) 58
	Resolution 2428 (XXIII) 63
	Resolution 2429 (XXIII) 64
	Resolution 2430 (XXIII) 64
23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	Resolution 2465 (XXIII) 4
	Decisions 65
	Appointment of members of the Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples 6
	Appointments to fill vacancies in the Special Committee 7
24. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	Resolution 2453 (XXIII) 9
25. The Korean question	Resolution 2466 (XXIII) 14
(a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea	
(b) Dissolution of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea	
(c) Withdrawal of United States and all other foreign forces occupying South Korea under the flag of the United Nations	
(d) Need to put an end to the discussion in the United Nations on the unification of Korea	
26. Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind: report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee to Study the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction	Resolution 2467 (XXIII) 15
	Composition of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction 15
27. Question of general and complete disarmament: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament	Resolution 2454 (XXIII) 11
28. Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament	Resolution 2455 (XXIII) 12
29. Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America: report of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament	Decision 17
30. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation	Resolution 2382 (XXIII) 19
31. The policies of <i>apartheid</i> of the Government of the Republic of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies of <i>Apartheid</i> of the Government of the Republic of South Africa	Resolution 2396 (XXIII) 19
	Resolution 2397 (XXIII) 21
32. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations	Resolution 2451 (XXIII) 21
33. Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	Resolution 2452 (XXIII) 21
34. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	Resolution 2401 (XXIII) 25
	Resolution 2402 (XXIII) 25
	Decision 37

<i>Agenda item</i>		<i>Page</i>
(a) Report of the Conference on its second session		
(b) Report of the Trade and Development Board		
(c) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the Conference .....	Decision	8
35. United Nations Industrial Development Organization: report of the Industrial Development Board .....	Resolution 2385 (XXIII)	23
	Resolution 2407 (XXIII)	26
36. United Nations Capital Development Fund .....	Resolution 2377 (XXIII)	23
	Resolution 2410 (XXIII)	27
37. United Nations Development Decade: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2411 (XXIII)	27
	Decisions	38
	Appointment of members of the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Development Decade	28
38. International Education Year: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2412 (XXIII)	29
39. Permanent sovereignty over natural resources: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2386 (XXIII)	24
40. Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2387 (XXIII)	24
41. Resources of the sea: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2413 (XXIII)	29
	Resolution 2414 (XXIII)	30
42. External financing of economic development of the developing countries: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2415 (XXIII)	31
43. United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Executive Director .....	Resolution 2388 (XXIII)	25
44. Operational activities for development .....	Resolution 2408 (XXIII)	27
	Resolution 2409 (XXIII)	27
	Decisions	38
(a) Activities of the United Nations Development Programme: reports of the Governing Council		
(b) Activities undertaken by the Secretary-General		
45. Multilateral food aid: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2462 (XXIII)	36
46. Increase in the production and use of edible protein: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2416 (XXIII)	32
47. Outflow of trained professional and technical personnel at all levels from the developing to the developed countries, its causes, its consequences and practical remedies for the problems resulting from it .....	Resolution 2417 (XXIII)	33
48. Assistance in cases of natural disaster .....	Resolution 2378 (XXIII)	40
	Resolution 2435 (XXIII)	44
49. World social situation: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2436 (XXIII)	45
50. Draft Declaration on Social Development .....	Decision	54
51. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	Resolution 2399 (XXIII)	42
52. Housing, building and planning: report of the Secretary-General .....	Decision	54
53. Town twinning as a means of international co-operation: report of the Economic and Social Council .....	Decision	54
54. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance .....	Decision	54
(a) Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance		
(b) Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief		
55. Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2391 (XXIII)	40
	Resolution 2392 (XXIII)	41

<i>Agenda item</i>		<i>Page</i>
56. Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights .....	Resolution 2437 (XXIII)	46
57. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination .....	Resolution 2438 (XXIII)	47
(a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		
(b) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General		
(c) Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance: report of the Secretary-General		
58. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of <i>apartheid</i> , in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Secretary-General .....	Resolution 2439 (XXIII)	47
	Resolution 2440 (XXIII)	48
59. Capital punishment .....	Resolution 2393 (XXIII)	41
	Resolution 2394 (XXIII)	42
60. Freedom of information .....	Resolution 2448 (XXIII)	52
(a) Draft Convention on Freedom of Information		
(b) Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information		
61. Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Secretary-General .....	Decision	54
	Resolution 2441 (XXIII)	49
	Resolution 2442 (XXIII)	49
	Resolution 2443 (XXIII)	50
	Resolution 2444 (XXIII)	50
	Resolution 2445 (XXIII)	51
	Resolution 2446 (XXIII)	51
	Resolution 2447 (XXIII)	52
	Resolution 2448 (XXIII)	52
	Resolution 2449 (XXIII)	53
	Resolution 2450 (XXIII)	54
	Decision	55
62. International Year for Human Rights .....		
(a) Measures and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights: report of the Secretary-General		
(b) International Conference on Human Rights		
63. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations .....	Resolution 2422 (XXIII)	60
(a) Report of the Secretary-General		
(b) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples		
64. Question of Namibia .....	Resolution 2403 (XXIII)	3
	Resolution 2404 (XXIII)	3
	Decision	66
(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples		
(b) Report of the United Nations Council for Namibia		
(c) Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia .....	Decision	8
65. Question of Territories under Portuguese administration: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	Resolution 2395 (XXIII)	59
66. Question of Fiji: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	Decision	66
67. Question of Oman .....	Resolution 2424 (XXIII)	61

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Page</i>
(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	
(b) Report of the Secretary-General	
68. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, <i>apartheid</i> and racial discrimination in southern Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	Resolution 2425 (XXIII) 61
69. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Resolution 2426 (XXIII) 61
(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	
(b) Report of the Secretary-General	
70. United Nations Educational and Training Programme: report of the Secretary-General	Resolution 2431 (XXIII) 65
71. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General	Resolution 2423 (XXIII) 60
72. Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and reports of the Board of Auditors	Resolution 2380 (XXIII) 68
(a) United Nations	
(b) United Nations Development Programme	
(c) United Nations Children's Fund	
(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	
(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research	
(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	
73. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1968	Resolution 2468 (XXIII) 70
74. Budget estimates for the financial year 1969	Resolution 2482 (XXIII) 78
	Resolution 2483 (XXIII) 81
	Resolution 2484 (XXIII) 81
	Resolution 2485 (XXIII) 82
	Resolution 2486 (XXIII) 82
	Resolution 2487 (XXIII) 82
	Resolution 2488 (XXIII) 83
	Resolution 2489 (XXIII) 83
Resolution 2490 (XXIII) 84	
Resolution 2491 (XXIII) 84	
75. Pattern of conferences: report of the Committee on Conferences	Resolution 2478 (XXIII) 76
76. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly	
(a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	Resolution 2469 (XXIII) 72
(b) Committee on Contributions	Resolution 2381 (XXIII) 69
(c) Board of Auditors	Resolution 2470 (XXIII) 72
(d) United Nations Administrative Tribunal	Resolution 2471 (XXIII) 72
77. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions	Resolution 2472 (XXIII) 73
78. Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency	Resolution 2473 (XXIII) 73

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Page</i>
(a) Earmarkings and contingency authorizations from the Technical Assistance Account of the United Nations Development Programme	
(b) Allocations from the Special Fund Account of the United Nations Development Programme	
79. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	Resolution 2474 (XXIII) 74
80. Implementation of the recommendations of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies	Resolution 2475 (XXIII) 74
(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council	
(b) Report of the Secretary-General	
81. Personnel questions	Resolution 2479 (XXIII) 77 Resolution 2480 (XXIII) 77 Resolution 2481 (XXIII) 78
(a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General	
(b) Other personnel questions	
82. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board	Resolution 2476 (XXIII) 75
83. United Nations International School: report of the Secretary-General	Resolution 2477 (XXIII) 75
84. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twentieth session	Resolution 2400 (XXIII) 87
85. Draft Convention on Special Missions	Resolution 2419 (XXIII) 88 Decision 90
86. Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression	Resolution 2420 (XXIII) 88
87. Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States	Resolution 2463 (XXIII) 89
88. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session	Resolution 2421 (XXIII) 88
89. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General	Resolution 2464 (XXIII) 90 Decision 91
90. Need to impart to the teaching staff of primary and secondary schools a knowledge of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, with particular reference to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Resolution 2445 (XXIII) 51
91. Problems of the human environment	Resolution 2398 (XXIII) 2
92. One day of war for peace	Resolution 2418 (XXIII) 34
93. Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations	Resolution 2389 (XXIII) 2
94. Memorandum of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning urgent measures to stop the arms race and achieve disarmament	Decision 17
95. The situation in the Middle East	Decision 8
96. Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States: Final Document of the Conference	Resolution 2456 (XXIII) 13
97. Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations	Decision 8
98. Enlargement of the Committee on Contributions	Resolution 2390 (XXIII) 69

## CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

The resolutions of the General Assembly are numbered in the order of their adoption. This check list includes all the resolutions adopted and other decisions taken by the Assembly during its twenty-third session.

<i>Resolution No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
2376 (XXIII)	Admission of Swaziland to membership in the United Nations . . .	20	24 September 1968	1
2377 (XXIII)	Pledging Conference on the United Nations Capital Development Fund . . . . .	36	14 October 1968	23
2378 (XXIII)	Assistance to Iran in connexion with the earthquake of August 1968	48	23 October 1968	40
2379 (XXIII)	Question of Southern Rhodesia . . . . .	23	25 October 1968	57
2380 (XXIII)	Financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1967 and reports of the Board of Auditors			
	Resolution A . . . . .	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution B . . . . .	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution C . . . . .	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution D . . . . .	72	1 November 1968	68
	Resolution E . . . . .	72	1 November 1968	69
	Resolution F . . . . .	72	1 November 1968	69
2381 (XXIII)	Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions			
	Resolution A . . . . .	76 (b)	1 November 1968	69
	Resolution B . . . . .	76 (b)	21 December 1968	69
	Resolution C . . . . .	76 (b)	21 December 1968	69
2382 (XXIII)	Effects of atomic radiation . . . . .	30	1 November 1968	19
2383 (XXIII)	Question of Southern Rhodesia . . . . .	23	7 November 1968	58
2384 (XXIII)	Admission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to membership in the United Nations . . . . .	20	12 November 1968	1
2385 (XXIII)	Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board . . . . .	35	19 November 1968	23
2386 (XXIII)	Permanent sovereignty over natural resources . . . . .	39	19 November 1968	24
2387 (XXIII)	Conversion to peaceful needs of the resources released by disarmament . . . . .	40	19 November 1968	24
2388 (XXIII)	United Nations Institute for Training and Research . . . . .	43	19 November 1968	25
2389 (XXIII)	Representation of China in the United Nations . . . . .	93	19 November 1968	2
2390 (XXIII)	Enlargement of the Committee on Contributions: amendment to rule 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly . . . . .	98	25 November 1968	69
2391 (XXIII)	Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity . . . . .	55	26 November 1968	40
2392 (XXIII)	Question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity . . . . .	55	26 November 1968	41
2393 (XXIII)	Capital punishment . . . . .	59	26 November 1968	41
2394 (XXIII)	Capital punishment in southern Africa . . . . .	59	26 November 1968	42
2395 (XXIII)	Question of Territories under Portuguese administration . . . . .	65	29 November 1968	59
2396 (XXIII)	The policies of <i>apartheid</i> of the Government of South Africa . . . . .	31	2 December 1968	19
2397 (XXIII)	United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa . . . . .	31	2 December 1968	21
2398 (XXIII)	Problems of the human environment . . . . .	91	3 December 1968	2
2399 (XXIII)	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees . . . . .	51	6 December 1968	42
2400 (XXIII)	Report of the International Law Commission . . . . .	84	11 December 1968	87
2401 (XXIII)	Technical assistance in trade and related fields . . . . .	34	13 December 1968	25
2402 (XXIII)	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development . . . . .	34	13 December 1968	25
2403 (XXIII)	Question of Namibia . . . . .	64	16 December 1968	3
2404 (XXIII)	Petitions concerning Namibia . . . . .	64	16 December 1968	3
2405 (XXIII)	Report of the Security Council . . . . .	11	16 December 1968	4



Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2406 (XXIII)	Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy .....	21	16 December 1968	4
2407 (XXIII)	United Nations Industrial Development Organization .....	35	17 December 1968	26
2408 (XXIII)	Reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme .....	44	17 December 1968	27
2409 (XXIII)	Promotion of follow-up investment .....	44	17 December 1968	27
2410 (XXIII)	United Nations Capital Development Fund .....	36	17 December 1968	27
2411 (XXIII)	International development strategy .....	37	17 December 1968	27
2412 (XXIII)	International Education Year .....	38	17 December 1968	29
2413 (XXIII)	Exploitation and conservation of living marine resources .....	41	17 December 1968	29
2414 (XXIII)	International co-operation in questions related to the oceans .....	41	17 December 1968	30
2415 (XXIII)	External financing of economic development of the developing countries .....	42	17 December 1968	31
2416 (XXIII)	Increase in the production and use of edible protein .....	46	17 December 1968	32
2417 (XXIII)	Outflow of trained professional and technical personnel at all levels from the developing to the developed countries, its causes, its consequences and practical remedies for the problems resulting from it .....	47	17 December 1968	33
2418 (XXIII)	One day of war for peace .....	92	17 December 1968	34
2419 (XXIII)	Draft Convention on Special Missions .....	85	18 December 1968	88
2420 (XXIII)	Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression .....	86	18 December 1968	88
2421 (XXIII)	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law .....	88	18 December 1968	88
2422 (XXIII)	Information for Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 <i>e</i> of the Charter of the United Nations .....	63	18 December 1968	60
2423 (XXIII)	Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories .....	71	18 December 1968	60
2424 (XXIII)	Question of Oman .....	67	18 December 1968	61
2425 (XXIII)	Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, <i>apartheid</i> and racial discrimination in southern Africa .....	68	18 December 1968	61
2426 (XXIII)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations .....	69	18 December 1968	61
2427 (XXIII)	Question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea .....	13	18 December 1968	62
2428 (XXIII)	Question of Ifni and Spanish Sahara .....	23	18 December 1968	63
2429 (XXIII)	Question of Gibraltar .....	23	18 December 1968	64
2430 (XXIII)	Question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands .....	23	18 December 1968	64
2431 (XXIII)	United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa .....	70	18 December 1968	65
2432 (XXIII)	United Nations Children's Fund .....	12	19 December 1968	43
2433 (XXIII)	International control of psychotropic substances .....	12	19 December 1968	43
2434 (XXIII)	Technical assistance in the field of narcotics .....	12	19 December 1968	44
2435 (XXIII)	Assistance in cases of natural disaster .....	48	19 December 1968	44
2436 (XXIII)	World social situation .....	49	19 December 1968	45
2437 (XXIII)	Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights .....	56	19 December 1968	46
2438 (XXIII)	Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance .....	57	19 December 1968	47
2439 (XXIII)	Measures for effectively combating racial discrimination and the policies of <i>apartheid</i> and segregation in southern Africa .....	58	19 December 1968	47

Resolution No.	Title	Item	Date of adoption	Page
2440 (XXIII)	Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Working Group of Experts on the treatment of political prisoners in South Africa .....	58	19 December 1968	48
2441 (XXIII)	International Year for Human Rights .....	62	19 December 1968	49
2442 (XXIII)	International Conference on Human Rights .....	62	19 December 1968	49
2443 (XXIII)	Respect for and implementation of human rights in occupied territories .....	62	19 December 1968	50
2444 (XXIII)	Respect for human rights in armed conflicts .....	62	19 December 1968	50
2445 (XXIII)	Teaching in schools of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, with particular reference to human rights .....	62 and 90	19 December 1968	51
2446 (XXIII)	Measures to achieve the rapid and total elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in general and of the policy of <i>apartheid</i> in particular .....	62	19 December 1968	51
2447 (XXIII)	Education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms .....	62	19 December 1968	52
2448 (XXIII)	Freedom of information .....	60 and 62	19 December 1968	52
2449 (XXIII)	Legal aid .....	62	19 December 1968	53
2450 (XXIII)	Human rights and scientific and technological developments .....	62	19 December 1968	54
2451 (XXIII)	Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects .....	32	19 December 1968	21
2452 (XXIII)	Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East .....	33	19 December 1968	21
	Resolution A .....	33	19 December 1968	22
	Resolution B .....	33	19 December 1968	22
	Resolution C .....	33	19 December 1968	22
2453 (XXIII)	International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space .....	24	20 December 1968	9
	Resolution A .....	24	20 December 1968	10
	Resolution B .....	24	20 December 1968	10
2454 (XXIII)	Question of general and complete disarmament .....	27	20 December 1968	11
	Resolution A .....	27	20 December 1968	12
	Resolution B .....	27	20 December 1968	12
2455 (XXIII)	Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests ...	28	20 December 1968	12
2456 (XXIII)	Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States .....	96	20 December 1968	13
	Resolution A .....	96	20 December 1968	13
	Resolution B .....	96	20 December 1968	14
	Resolution C .....	96	20 December 1968	14
	Resolution D .....	96	20 December 1968	14
2457 (XXIII)	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency .....	15	20 December 1968	4
2458 (XXIII)	International co-operation with a view to the use of computers and computation techniques for development .....	12	20 December 1968	34
2459 (XXIII)	The role of the co-operative movement in economic and social development .....	12	20 December 1968	35
2460 (XXIII)	Human resources for development .....	12	20 December 1968	35
2461 (XXIII)	International monetary reform .....	12	20 December 1968	35
2462 (XXIII)	Multilateral food aid .....	45	20 December 1968	36
2463 (XXIII)	Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations .....	87	20 December 1968	89
2464 (XXIII)	United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law ...	89	20 December 1968	90
2465 (XXIII)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	23	20 December 1968	4
2466 (XXIII)	The Korean question .....	25	20 December 1968	14
2467 (XXIII)	Examination of the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind .....	26	21 December 1968	15
	Resolution A .....	26	21 December 1968	15

Resolution No.	Title	Item	adoption Date of	Page
	Resolution B .....	26	21 December 1968	15
	Resolution C .....	26	21 December 1968	16
	Resolution D .....	26	21 December 1968	16
2468 (XXIII)	Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1968			
	Resolution A .....	73	21 December 1968	70
	Resolution B .....	73	21 December 1968	71
2469 (XXIII)	Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions .....	76 (a)	21 December 1968	72
2470 (XXIII)	Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors .....	76 (c)	21 December 1968	72
2471 (XXIII)	Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal .....	76 (d)	21 December 1968	72
2472 (XXIII)	Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations			
	Resolution A .....	77	21 December 1968	73
	Resolution B .....	77	21 December 1968	73
2473 (XXIII)	Audit reports relating to expenditure by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency .....	78	21 December 1968	73
2474 (XXIII)	Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency			
	Resolution A .....	79	21 December 1968	74
	Resolution B .....	79	21 December 1968	74
2475 (XXIII)	Implementation of the recommendations of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies			
	Resolution A .....	80	21 December 1968	74
	Resolution B .....	80	21 December 1968	75
2476 (XXIII)	Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board .....	82	21 December 1968	75
2477 (XXIII)	United Nations International School .....	83	21 December 1968	75
2478 (XXIII)	Pattern of conferences .....	75	21 December 1968	76
2479 (XXIII)	Inclusion of Russian among the working languages of the General Assembly (amendment to rule 51 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly) and question of including Russian and Spanish among the working languages of the Security Council			
		81	21 December 1968	77
2480 (XXIII)	Composition of the Secretariat			
	Resolution A .....	81	21 December 1968	77
	Resolution B .....	81	21 December 1968	77
2481 (XXIII)	Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations			
	Resolution A .....	81	21 December 1968	78
	Resolution B .....	81	21 December 1968	78
2482 (XXIII)	Budget for the financial year 1969			
	Resolution A .....	74	21 December 1968	78
	Resolution B .....	74	21 December 1968	80
	Resolution C .....	74	21 December 1968	80
2483 (XXIII)	Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1969			
		74	21 December 1968	81
2484 (XXIII)	Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1969 .....	74	21 December 1968	81
2485 (XXIII)	Salary scales for the Professional and higher categories .....	74	21 December 1968	82
2486 (XXIII)	Methods of establishing the salaries of international civil servants			
		74	21 December 1968	82
2487 (XXIII)	Proposed new construction and major alterations to existing premises at United Nations Headquarters .....	74	21 December 1968	82
2488 (XXIII)	Plans for the extension of conference facilities at the Palais des Nations .....	74	21 December 1968	83
2489 (XXIII)	Expenses to be incurred by the United Nations in respect of individuals or groups of experts appointed by organs or subsidiary organs for the performance of special <i>ad hoc</i> tasks .....	74	21 December 1968	83
2490 (XXIII)	Amounts of honoraria paid to the President and other members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal .....	74	21 December 1968	84
2491 (XXIII)	Rates of subsistence allowances payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations .....	74	21 December 1968	84
2492 (XXIII)	Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly .....	3 (b)	21 December 1968	6

<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Page</i>
<b>Other decisions</b>			
Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations .....	7	27 September 1968	6
Adoption of the agenda .....	8	27 September 1968	6
Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization .....	10	21 December 1968	7
Report of the Economic and Social Council .....	12	20 December 1968	37
Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XIV, XV and XVI (sections A and B)) .....	12	21 December 1968	85
Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters XVII and XVIII) .....	12	21 December 1968	7
Report of the International Court of Justice .....	14	21 December 1968	7
Installation of mechanical means of voting .....	22	16 December 1968	7
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	23	11 October 1968 18 December 1968	65
Appointments to fill vacancies in the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples .....	23	25 October 1968 20 December 1968	7
Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America .....	29	20 December 1968	17
Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Trade and Development Board .....	34	13 December 1968	37
Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development .....	34 (c)	13 December 1968	8
United Nations Development Decade .....	37	29 November 1968 17 December 1968	38
Operational activities for development .....	44	17 December 1968	38
Draft Declaration on Social Development .....	50	6 December 1968	54
Housing, building and planning .....	52	19 December 1968	54
Town twinning as a means of international co-operation .....	53	19 December 1968	54
Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance .....	54	19 December 1968	54
Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights .....	61	19 December 1968	54
International Year for Human Rights .....	62	2 December 1968	55
Question of Namibia (hearing of petitioners) .....	64	25 November 1968	66
Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia .....	64 (c)	16 December 1968	8
Question of Fiji .....	66	18 December 1968	66
Draft Convention on Special Missions .....	85	18 December 1968	90
Appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law .....	89	20 December 1968	91
Memorandum of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning measures to stop the arms race and achieve disarmament .....	94	20 December 1968	17
The situation in the Middle East .....	95	21 December 1968	8
Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations .....	97	19 December 1968	8



