

Considering that the combating and suppression of such traffic involves a number of different national and international organizations,

Requests the Secretary-General to undertake an inquiry among the Governments of Member States and the international organizations concerned—the regional commissions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Interpol and the international non-governmental organizations concerned—on the status of the question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, so that, with full knowledge of the facts, joint measures can be envisaged to put an end to this form of slavery.

18th plenary meeting  
8 May 1981

**1981/41. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1979/39 of 10 May 1979 on the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa,

Recalling also its resolution 1980/33 of 2 May 1980 on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa,

Recognizing the contribution which the reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts have made and are continuing to make to the efforts of the United Nations to seek out and combat the violations of human rights, in particular the policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination, pursued in South Africa and Namibia,

Having examined the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts requested by the Council in its resolution 1980/33,<sup>72</sup>

Noting that the South African authorities, far from changing their policies of *apartheid*, are strengthening them by various means,

Noting also that the proposals for the reform of industrial relations in South Africa put forward by the Wiehahn Commission appear to have failed,

Noting further that the Code of Conduct of the European Economic Community has not brought about much appreciable change,

1. Congratulates the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on the work it has done;

2. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts requested in its resolution 1980/33 and of the conclusions contained therein;

3. Deplores the inhuman conditions of African workers, particularly agricultural workers;

4. Condemns the continuing police and state interference in industrial disputes in South Africa;

5. Demands the cessation of all police and state interference in industrial disputes and the recognition of the right of the black trade union movements in South Africa to full freedom of association and to unimpeded collective bargaining;

6. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to

<sup>72</sup> E/1981/68, annex.

continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council in 1982;

7. Decides to consider the question of allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa as a subitem under the item entitled "Human rights questions" at its first regular session of 1982.

18th plenary meeting  
8 May 1981

**1981/42. Human rights questions: the case of Ziad Abu Ain**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>73</sup>

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/14 of 7 November 1977, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, reaffirmed the legitimacy of the struggle for independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation by all available means,

Bearing in mind that the Government of Israel defiantly considers internationally recognized and legitimate resistance by the Palestinian population under illegal occupation as "common crimes" and that the Israeli authorities of occupation systematically violate the human rights of the Palestinian population under Israeli military occupation,

Noting that Mr. Ziad Abu Ain has been detained illegally in a United States prison for over a year pending his extradition to Israel,

Noting also that the sole basis for "probable cause" against Mr. Ziad Abu Ain is a Hebrew language statement made by a person who was in Israeli custody,

Noting further that no United States court will sustain a trial of a person on the basis of such "evidence",

Appeals to the Government of the United States of America to release Mr. Ziad Abu Ain from the United States prison in which he is being detained.

19th plenary meeting  
8 May 1981

**1981/43. Composition of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recognizing the need to enlarge the composition of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in order to bring it into line with the present membership of the United Nations and with the principle of equitable geographical representation,

1. Decides, in the light of the need to enlarge the membership of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, to take action on this question at its second regular session of 1981 in accordance with rule 85 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and in the light of the report of the President requested in paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

2. Requests the President of the Council to hold consultations with the regional groups with a view to evolving an understanding on the size, composition and allocation of seats of the Committee on Non-Governmental

<sup>73</sup> General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).