

(j) To pursue research on the impact of population policies, other than family planning programmes, on population policy with that in other subprogrammes;

(k) To continue work on the interrelations of population, resources, environment and development;

(l) To facilitate, in collaboration with the regional commissions and specialized agencies, the establishment of a Population Information Network (POPIN), in collaboration with national and international information programmes;

(m) To continue the United Nations programme of technical co-operation in the field of population for countries requesting such assistance, in co-operation particularly with the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and, in the event of a forthcoming world population conference, to take full account of experience gained through technical co-operation projects in the field of population;

(n) To strengthen the United Nations programme of training in population, through the work of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres sponsored by the United Nations, support for national training institutions and the continuation of the programme of fellowships for training in the population disciplines, particularly in relation to development planning;

(o) To assist Governments, on their request, in establishing or strengthening national institutions whose purpose is to co-ordinate population activities, particularly those relating to development planning, to study techniques of incorporating population factors in national development and to advise Governments in the formulation, implementation, follow-up and evaluation of population policies and programmes;

(p) To continue to carry out a population inquiry among Governments;

3. *Urges* Member States to ensure that methods of evaluation and analysis of population census and survey data and their use form an integral part of national census programmes by establishing and strengthening national population organizations and institutions;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for the organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen their collaboration and co-ordination in the planning and execution of their population programmes, as well as the need for those organizations to strengthen collaboration and co-ordination with national research organizations and other organizations outside the United Nations system in the planning and execution of their population programmes.

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#### **1981/30. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Recalling also* the other relevant General Assembly resolutions, particularly resolution 34/24 of 15 November 1979, in which the Assembly adopted the four-year

programme of activities designed to accelerate progress in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 35/33 of 14 November 1980, in which the Assembly decided to hold in 1983, as an important event of the Decade, a second world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination and invited the Economic and Social Council to begin the preparatory work for the conference at its first regular session of 1981,

*Convinced* that effective implementation of the Programme for the Decade will help to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

*Recalling* its resolution 1980/7 of 24 April 1980,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII);<sup>49</sup>

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

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Reaffirming* its resolve to bring about the total and unconditional eradication of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*, which still represent serious obstacles to further progress and to the strengthening of international peace and security,

*"Recalling* that, in its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination annexed thereto, and in other relevant resolutions, it called upon all peoples, Governments and institutions to continue their efforts to eradicate racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* and thus to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

*"Taking into account* the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>50</sup>

*"Recalling* that, in the programme of activities to be undertaken during the second half of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination contained in the annex to its resolution 34/24 of 15 November 1979, it called upon all States, United Nations organs and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts to achieve the speediest attainment of the objectives of the Decade, aimed at the complete and final elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

*"Bearing in mind* the resounding victory of the people of Zimbabwe, achieved as a result of the struggle which it waged for the reconquest of its sovereignty and independence against the racist colonial régime which was oppressing it,

*"Expressing, however, its serious concern* at the situation prevailing in South Africa and throughout southern Africa as a result of the policies and actions of the *apartheid* régime, particularly its efforts to perpetuate and strengthen racist domination of the country, its policy of 'bantustanization', its brutal repression of opponents of *apartheid* and its renewed acts of aggression against neighbouring States,

<sup>49</sup> E/1981/15 and Add. I and 2.

<sup>50</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, Geneva, 14-25 August 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.XIV.2), Chap. II.

“*Reaffirming* that *apartheid* is a crime against humanity,

“*Particularly concerned* at the persistence of the illegal occupation of Namibia by the racist minority régime of South Africa,

“*Disappointed* that the talks between the United Nations and the South African racist and illegal occupation régime aimed at reaching a negotiated settlement of the question of Namibia have thus far failed because of the bad faith of that régime,

“*Reaffirming* that any collaboration with the racist régime of South Africa constitutes a hostile act against the oppressed people of South Africa and a contemptuous defiance of the United Nations and the international community,

“*Considering* that such collaboration strengthens the racist régime, encourages it to persist in its repressive and aggressive policy and seriously aggravates the situation in southern Africa, thus constituting a threat to international peace and security,

“*Seriously concerned* at the fact that the principal Western and other trading partners of South Africa are continuing to collaborate with the racist régime and that their collaboration constitutes the main obstacle to the abolition of that régime and the elimination of the inhuman and criminal system of *apartheid*,

“*Alarmed* by the persistent collaboration by certain Western States and Israel with the racist régime of South Africa,

“*Aware* of the constant need to mobilize public opinion against any political, military, economic and other assistance granted to the racist régime of South Africa,

“*Aware* of the need to promote solutions to the problems of discrimination facing migrant workers and their families,

“*Recalling* its resolution 35/33 of 14 November 1980, in which it decided to hold in 1983 a second world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination, which, while reviewing and assessing the activities undertaken during the Decade, should have as its main purpose the formulation of ways and means and of specific measures aimed at ensuring the full and universal implementation of United Nations decisions and resolutions on racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

“*Stressing* the importance of attaining the objectives of the Decade,

“*Convinced* that the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination will make a useful and constructive contribution to the attainment of those objectives,

“1. *Proclaims* that the elimination of all forms of racism and of discrimination based on race and the attainment of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and of the programme of activities to be undertaken during the second half of the Decade are matters of high priority for the international community and, therefore, for the United Nations;

“2. *Strongly condemns* the policies of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination pursued in southern Africa, all occupied Arab territories and elsewhere, including the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination and independence;

“3. *Reaffirms* its strong support for the national liberation struggle against racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, colonialism and foreign domination

and for self-determination by all available means, including armed struggle;

“4. *Reaffirms* the inalienable rights of the Namibian people to self-determination and independence;

“5. *Vigorously condemns* the repeated acts of aggression committed by South Africa against neighbouring States, particularly against Angola, Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia;

“6. *Expresses its profound solidarity* with the front-line States which are victims of the racist aggression and destabilization attempts of the Pretoria régime;

“7. *Once again invites* all Member States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, national liberation movements, anti-*apartheid* and anti-racist organizations and other solidarity groups to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade;

“8. *Again requests* the Security Council to consider, as a matter of urgency, the imposition of full mandatory sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations against the racist régime of South Africa, including, in particular, an embargo on the delivery of oil and oil products to South Africa and the strengthening of the embargo on arms, with a view to putting an end to all military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa;

“9. *Approves* the Declaration of the International Seminar on the Implementation and Reinforcement of the Arms Embargo against South Africa,<sup>51</sup> which was held in London from 1 to 3 April 1981 under the auspices of the Special Committee against *Apartheid*;

“10. *Vigorously condemns* the collaboration of certain Western countries, Israel and other States and of transnational corporations and other organizations, which are maintaining or continuing to increase their collaboration with the racist régime of South Africa, particularly in the political, economic, military and nuclear fields, thereby encouraging that régime to persist in its inhuman and criminal policy of brutal oppression of the peoples of southern Africa and its denial of human rights;

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

“12. *Calls upon* all States to adopt, as a matter of high priority, measures declaring punishable by law any dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred and outlawing organizations based on racial hatred and prejudice, including neo-Nazi and Fascist organizations and private clubs and institutions established on the basis of racial criteria or propagating ideas of racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

“13. *Invites* Member States, the organs and bodies of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies to continue their efforts with a view to the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

“14. *Takes note* of the progress made by the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981 in connexion with the preparatory work

<sup>51</sup> A/36/190-S/14442 annex.

for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination:

"15. *Decides* that the Preparatory Sub-Committee for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, established by the President of the Economic and Social Council in accordance with Council decision 1981/130 of 6 May 1981, shall hold its first session in New York during the first quarter of 1982, for a period of two weeks, and shall report to the Council at its first regular session of 1982, the Council being the Preparatory Committee for the Conference;

"16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Sub-Committee with all necessary assistance;

"17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, after consultation with the regional groups, in 1982, a Secretary-General for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, who shall have the rank of Assistant Secretary-General and shall be responsible for the organization of the Conference and co-ordination with Member States, organs and bodies of the United Nations, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

"18. *Invites* Member States to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General as part of the Programme for the Decade and the preparations for the Conference;

"19. *Invites* the appropriate organs and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute to the preparations for the Conference;

"20. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee against *Apartheid*, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Commission on Human Rights, through its *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa, for their contribution to the implementation of the Programme for the Decade and invites them to include in their activities the preparations for the Conference;

"21. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-seventh session the status of preparations for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

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

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#### 1981/31. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 34/61 of 29 November 1979 on the situation of African refugees, by which the Assembly requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to make every effort to mobilize additional resources to meet the needs of refugees in Africa,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1980/9 of 28 April 1980 and 1980/53 of 24 July 1980,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/180 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*:

(a) Endorsed the appeal of the Economic and Social Council to all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to increase further their assistance to the Government of Somalia and to the various refugee programmes sponsored by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees so as to ensure the adequate and continuous provision of emergency relief and humanitarian assistance to refugees in Somalia,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to dispatch a mission to Somalia to make a comprehensive review of the refugee situation in that country in the light of developments since the report of the United Nations interagency mission,<sup>52</sup> which visited Somalia from 10 to 16 December 1979,

(c) Further requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to arrange for the report of the review mission to be circulated as soon as issued, so that the international community might have an updated report on the condition of the refugees in Somalia and an assessment of their over-all needs, including measures for strengthening the social and economic infrastructure of the country,

*Taking note* of the report of the United Nations review mission,<sup>53</sup> which visited Somalia from 11 to 18 January 1981, providing up-to-date information on the condition of the growing refugee population in Somalia and an assessment of their over-all needs,

*Noting* the appeal issued by the Secretary-General on 11 March 1981 for urgent international assistance to help the Government of Somalia to provide the necessary care and attention to the refugees,

*Recognizing* the heavy burden placed on the Government of Somalia in caring for the refugees and the need for international assistance to share that burden,

1. *Strongly endorses* the appeal of the Secretary-General for urgent assistance to the refugees in Somalia;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for taking steps to promote continued and concerted international action to assist the Government of Somalia to provide relief aid for the refugees;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* for the prompt response, generous donations and support of the United Nations refugee programmes in Somalia by various Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies;

4. *Expresses its appreciation also* for the efforts undertaken by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as by the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and other international organizations, to provide humanitarian assistance;

5. *Takes note* of the findings and recommendations of the United Nations review mission;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the measures which the Government of Somalia is taking to provide shelter, food and other services to the refugees in Somalia;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue

<sup>52</sup> E/1980/44.

<sup>53</sup> A/36/136, annex.