

of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, on the understanding that the activities of the Year will begin on 1 January 1986;

(c) Invite Member States and observers, relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations concerned to submit to the Secretary-General suggestions for the observance of the International Year of Peace;

2. *Further recommends* to the General Assembly that, at its thirty-seventh session, it should request the Secretary-General, taking into account the suggestions referred to in paragraph 1 (c) above, to propose at the thirty-eighth session a draft programme and budget for the observance of the International Year of Peace, on the understanding that its financing will conform to the guidelines laid down by Assembly decision 35/424.

*22nd plenary meeting
4 May 1982*

1982/16. Activities of non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the letter dated 19 April 1982 from the Chairman of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to the President of the Economic and Social Council regarding the question of the activities of non-governmental organizations in relation to South Africa,²⁸

Taking note with appreciation of the work done by some non-governmental organizations with a view to the eradication of the policy of *apartheid*, as practised by the Government of South Africa,

1. *Expresses its expectation* that non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will take due account in their activities of relevant resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly condemning the policy of *apartheid* as practised by the Government of South Africa, in accordance with Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to include an examination of this question in the review of current practice related to the implementation of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) which it is to undertake at its next session, in 1983.

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1982/17. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, in which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women contained in the annex thereto,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/140 of 11 December 1980,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 36/131 of 14 December 1981,

Stressing the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women in considering within the United Nations matters relating to the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

Reaffirming its conviction that the ratification of, or accession to, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the implementation of its provisions are important for the attainment of the three objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

1. *Welcomes with great satisfaction* the entry into force on 3 September 1981 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Urges* States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or to accede to it;

3. *Expresses its interest* in the earliest possible commencement of the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women provided for in part V of the Convention, in particular with a view to considering national reports on the implementation of the Convention in accordance with article 18 thereof;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Committee to the Commission on the Status of Women for its information;

5. *Recommends* that the Commission on the Status of Women should include the question of the status of the Convention in the agenda of its thirtieth session;

6. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General that he should consider a concerted information effort to spread knowledge regarding the Convention.

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1982/18. Situation of women and children in the occupied Arab territories

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the prevailing conditions of the Palestinian people, particularly the women and children,

Noting the great sacrifices of the Palestinian women and children in pursuit of their inalienable right to have their own homeland,

Considering that international co-operation and peace are threatened by colonialism, neo-colonialism, fascism, zionism, *apartheid* and foreign occupation, alien domination and racial discrimination in all its forms,

Affirming its full solidarity with the Palestinian women in their struggle for independence under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization,

Expressing its grave concern that the Palestinian women and people continue to be denied their inalienable rights, in particular their right to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced and uprooted, the right to self-determination

²⁸ E/1982/54.