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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE FOR ACTION  
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Administrative implications of the draft resolution  
contained in document A/C.3/37/L.4

Observations by the Committee on Conferences in accordance  
with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A, by which the General Assembly had decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the Committee on Conferences met to review the implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/37/L.4.

2. The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/37/L.4, by which it endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/32 containing recommendations regarding the organization of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; accepted the offer of the Government of the Philippines to act as host to the Conference; decided to convene the Conference at Manila from 1 to 12 August 1983; and decided to make an exception to its resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 on the pattern of conferences and agreed that half of the additional costs involved in holding the Conference in the Philippines should be defrayed from the regular budget of the United Nations.

3. The Committee on Conferences wished to advise the Fifth Committee that the draft resolution contained in A/C.3/37/L.4 containing recommendations regarding the organization of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination makes an exception to its resolutions 2609 (XXIV) and 31/140. Operative paragraph 4 of this resolution in question involves a serious matter of principle in that it ignores a well-founded concept that when a Government issues an invitation for a conference to be held within its territory it should defray the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved. The Committee on Conferences further advises the Fifth Committee that such a departure from well established principles is to be discouraged.

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