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RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES TO BAN IN THEIR TERRITORY, AND TO REFRAIN FROM INSTIGATING OR SUPPORTING IN THE TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES, CHAUVINISTIC, RACIST AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS THAT MAY CAUSE DISCORD BETWEEN PEOPLES AND INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE MASS MEDIA IN COMBATING SUCH MANIFESTATIONS AND IN EDUCATING PEOPLES AND YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT OF PEACEFUL CO-OPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL ENTENTE; AND EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE PROMOTION AMONG YOUTH OF THE IDEALS OF PEACE, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES

Romania: draft resolution

Responsibility of States not to permit in their territory, and to refrain from instigating or supporting in the territory of other States, chauvinistic, racist and other manifestations that may cause discord between peoples and involvement of Governments and the mass media in combating such manifestations and in educating peoples and youth in the spirit of peaceful co-operation and international entente; and evaluation of the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objective set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind, in this respect, the provisions of article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter and of other relevant international documents, according to which no State or group of States has the right to intervene directly or indirectly, for any reason or in any form whatever, in matters that are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State,

Noting with concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination were not attained and that manifestations contrary to these goals continue to persist in the world,

Reiterating the significance of the International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of 21 December 1965, ^{1/} implying the commitment assumed by the States parties to adopt without delay positive measures for the elimination of any incitement to racial discrimination or of any act of discrimination and to impede the encouragement, under any form, of discriminations based on colour, descent or national or ethnic origin and of any segregating policies or manifestations of such nature,

Recognizing, once again, the essential role of Governments as well as of governmental and non-governmental organizations, both national and international, of the mass media and educational systems in promoting the ideals of peace and understanding among nations, and primarily, among youth,

Reaffirming the lasting validity and importance of the principles and objectives of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

Noting that the year 1990 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration,

1. Emphasizes the urgent need to implement the relevant programmes of the United Nations in the social and humanitarian fields with a view to increasing the recognition by Governments of their duty to contribute actively to the implementation of the objectives of those programmes and to refrain from tolerating on their own territory and from instigating or supporting on the territory of other States chauvinistic, racist and other manifestations that may cause discord between peoples;

2. Urges all States to draw attention to the threats to the friendly relations among nations posed by the above-mentioned conceptions and practices and to take measures to prohibit or otherwise deter activities by groups or organizations or whoever is promoting those conceptions and practices;

^{1/} Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

3. Appeals to all States to adopt effective measures, particularly in the field of teaching, education, culture and information, with a view to combating prejudices that lead to racial discrimination, chauvinism and other manifestations that may cause discord between peoples and to intensify their efforts for promoting understanding, mutual respect and friendship among nations;

4. Also appeals to all States to take specific measures to assist the mass media in performing their functions in a responsible manner in countering racism, apartheid, chauvinism and other manifestations that might cause discord between peoples and to contribute to the elimination of misunderstandings between peoples, in particular by refraining from presenting a stereotyped, partial, unilateral or tendentious picture of various countries and peoples that could lead to fostering discord among them;

5. Calls upon all States to take practical measures to foster among their population and in particular among youth the ideals of humanity, liberty and international solidarity and all other ideals that help to bring peoples closer together, to intensify their efforts towards the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples and to take all necessary steps towards that end at the national, regional and international levels;

6. Invites all States to inform the Secretary-General of their views and comments concerning the impact of the Declaration since its adoption, on the formulation and implementation of the national policies and measures of their Governments, as well as how the principles, objectives, means and methods set out in the Declaration are taken into account in their policies, plans and programmes and in their bilateral and multilateral relations in the fields of education and information;

7. Requests the Commission for Social Development to consider at its thirty-first session ways and means for the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the item.
