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RESOLUTIONS

1983/42. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹ and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations² and of assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system,³

Having heard the statements of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid*,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular Assembly resolution 37/32 of 23 November 1982 and Council resolution 1982/47 of 27 July 1982,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

Noting with deep concern that the situation in southern Africa continues to present a serious threat to peace and security as a result of South Africa's intensified and ruthless repression, its policy and practice of

apartheid and other gross violations of the human rights of the peoples in Namibia and South Africa and its armed aggression and military, political and economic destabilization directed against independent States in the region,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization, for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from the illegal occupation of their country by the racist minority régime in South Africa,

Deeply concerned that, while progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from southern Africa, the action taken thus far by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance generally to the people of Namibia is still far from adequate to meet their urgent and growing needs,

Gravely concerned at the continued collaboration of the International Monetary Fund with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Noting with satisfaction the continuing efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned, and commending the initiative taken by that organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements in the formulation of assistance programmes,

Noting further the high-level meetings held at Addis Ababa in April 1983 between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/15 of 16 November 1982 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Mindful of the Paris Declaration on Namibia⁴ and the Programme of Action on Namibia⁵ adopted by the In-

¹ A/38/111 and Add.1.

² E/1983/102.

³ E/1983/106.

⁴ A/38/189-S/15757, annex I.

⁵ *Ibid.*, annex II, sect. III.

ternational Conference in Support of the Struggle of the Namibian People for Independence, held in Paris from 25 to 29 April 1983,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, increased assistance to the people of Namibia, in particular in connection with the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

5. *Requests also* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to continue to take, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa until that Government restores to the people of Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal occupation of Namibia by that régime;

6. *Requests further* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the *apartheid* policy of the Government of South Africa, to intensify their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will totally isolate the *apartheid* régime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

7. *Strongly condemns* the attacks carried out by South African armed forces on Namibian refugee camps and settlements in Angola, and requests the

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other competent organs of the United Nations and international organizations, as a matter of urgency, to use all ways and means to ensure the protection of those refugees and their safety from such attacks;

8. *Strongly condemns* the blatant aggression of the Pretoria régime in its bombing attack on Mozambique in the spring of 1983 and the frequent acts of destabilization carried out by that régime against the front-line States, which have resulted in heavy loss of life, the creation of large numbers of refugees and massive destruction;

9. *Deeply deplores* the persistent collaboration of the International Monetary Fund with the Government of South Africa, in disregard of repeated General Assembly resolutions to the contrary, and urgently calls upon the Fund to put an end to such collaboration;

10. *Recommends* that a separate item on assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity should be included in the agenda of future high-level meetings of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations within the Nations system, with a view to strengthening further the existing measures of co-ordination of action to ensure the best use of available resources for assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories;

11. *Notes with satisfaction* the inclusion of Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Telecommunication Union, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/233 C of 20 December 1982, and urges the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system which have not yet granted full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

12. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow that example and make the necessary arrangements without delay, including arrangements to defray the cost of the participation of those representatives;

13. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

14. *Urges* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular

meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

15. *Further urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;

16. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1983 of the Council;

17. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1984;

19. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

*39th plenary meeting
25 July 1983*

1983/43. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/134 of 17 December 1982,

Recalling also Council resolution 1982/48 of 27 July 1982,

Noting with deep concern that the continued detention of Palestinian civilians in Al Ansar camp by the Israeli invasion army has deprived many of their dependants of their sole source of income, in addition to having other adverse economic and social consequences,

Noting also the need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;^a

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments and United Nations bodies which provided humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian victims of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the assistance provided by United Nations bodies to the Palestinian people;

4. *Deplores* the non-compliance of Israel with Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/48;

5. *Calls upon* the Israeli occupation authorities to facilitate the efforts of all United Nations bodies intending to implement assistance projects for the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

6. *Requests* the competent programmes, organizations, agencies and organs of the United Nations system to sustain and intensify their efforts, in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, in providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

7. *Also requests* that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Governments concerned;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1983/44. Assistance to Ghana

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned at the adverse economic conditions in Ghana, exacerbated by the sudden repatriation of over one million Ghanaians and the acute food shortages resulting from unfavourable weather conditions,

Considering the urgent problems of rehabilitating the large number of returnees and reintegrating them in the ailing economy of the country,

Affirming the urgent need for international action to assist the Government and the people of Ghana in their efforts for economic recovery and the rehabilitation of returnees,

Noting with satisfaction the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered by Governments, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations during the difficult period of the influx of returnees,

Noting with appreciation the response of the Secretary-General to the request of the Government of Ghana and his prompt dispatch of a multi-agency mission to Ghana to consult with the Government on the preparation of short-term and medium-term programmes of assistance geared towards the generation of employment among the returnees,

Having heard the oral report of the Joint Coordinator for Special Economic Assistance Programmes on the multi-agency mission to Ghana,

^a E/1983/72 and Add.1.