

to select from them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages;

(b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(c) To intensify the activities of all United Nations information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe and the Americas;

(d) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and by systematically exchanging relevant information with that organization;

(e) To enlist the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(f) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services in this regard;

(g) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization to undertake or intensify, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and within their respective spheres of competence, the large-scale dissemination of the information referred to in paragraph 2 above;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

*86th plenary meeting
7 December 1983*

38/56. International Year of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982, in which it declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁴ containing the draft programme of the International Year of Peace,⁹⁵

Taking into account the guidelines for international years and anniversaries adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

Recognizing that the International Year of Peace, which will be linked with the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, is especially important and will permit the United Nations and its Member States to concentrate their efforts towards promoting the ideals of peace, as evidence of their dedication to serve peace by all possible means,

Considering also that the preparations for the International Year of Peace must be carried through to ensure positive results in international co-operation for the promotion of peace during the Year,

1. *Endorses* the principal objectives of the International Year of Peace indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Invites* all States, all organizations within the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the International Year of Peace;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the programme of the International Year of

Peace and urges all States and interested organizations to contribute to that fund:

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to carry out during 1984-1985 the necessary preparations for the observance of the International Year of Peace, including the organization of regional seminars devoted to promoting the objectives of the Year;⁹⁶

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the draft programme of the International Year of Peace and on the arrangements for financing it;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "International Year of Peace".

*87th plenary meeting
7 December 1983*

38/57. Thirty-five years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: international co-operation for the promotion and observance of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the continued significance and the validity of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁹⁷

Welcoming the progress made so far in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms since the proclamation of the Declaration,

Recalling that Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Acknowledging that, despite all the efforts made by the international community to promote and protect human rights, there is a need for constant vigilance by the international community in this field,

Recalling also the responsibility of the international community to remove the threat of war from the lives of people, to preserve civilization and to ensure that everyone enjoys the inherent right to life, liberty and security of person,

Underlining the importance of the teaching of human rights at all levels, particularly in primary and secondary schools,

1. *Stresses* the significance of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and expresses grave concern at mass and flagrant violations and all other violations of human rights which continue to take place in many parts of the world;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress made so far in the field of standard-setting on human rights since the proclamation of the Declaration and reaffirms its commitment to continue to strive for further progress in the field of the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Urges* all States to apply the Declaration resolutely, as well as seriously to consider ratifying or acceding to and observing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁹⁸ and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁹⁸ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁹⁹ and instruments relating to *apartheid*, and calls upon all States to ensure greater observance and

⁹⁴ A/38/413 and Add.1 and 2.

⁹⁵ A/38/413, annex I.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, annex V.

⁹⁷ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁹⁸ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹⁹ Resolution 2106 A (XXI), annex.