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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Report of the Third Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Third Committee considered subitems (a), (c) and (d) of item 74 at its 4th to 11th and 13th to 15th meetings, from 28 September to 6 October and on 10 and 11 October 1977 (see A/32/307).
2. The Committee considered subitem (b) at its 28th to 30th meetings, from 24 to 26 October. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States on this subitem are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/32/SR.28-30).
3. In connexion with subitem (b), the Committee had before it the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the year 1977. 1/
4. The Director of the Division of Human Rights introduced the subitem at the 28th meeting, on 24 October (see A/C.3/32/SR.28, paras. 56-66).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/32/L.12

5. At the 29th meeting, on 25 October, the representative of Yugoslavia, on behalf of Argentina, Cyprus, Egypt, Ghana, India, Morocco, the Philippines, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Madagascar and Nigeria, introduced a draft resolution on the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/C.3/32/L.12).

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/32/18).

6. At its 30th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.3/32/L.12:

(a) Operative paragraph 7, on which a separate vote had been requested by the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, was adopted by a roll-call vote, of 70 votes to 1, with 28 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Empire, Chad, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Israel.

Abstaining: Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

The representative of Malaysia stated that owing to an error his delegation had abstained instead of voting in favour;

(b) The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 103 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 7 below).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

7. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 32/... of November 1977 3/ on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial

3/ See A/32/307, para. 15, draft resolution I.

Discrimination, resolution 31/81 of 13 December 1976 on the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and resolution 32/... of November 1977 4/ on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions 2/ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Noting with appreciation the decisions taken by the Committee at its sixteenth session about its contribution to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by preparing a document on the Convention and the relevant study on the acceptance and implementation of the Convention,

Stressing the importance of the undertaking of States parties to the Convention to engage in no act or practice of racial discrimination against any person, groups of persons or national or ethnic minorities, and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Convention,

Noting the decisions adopted by the Committee at its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. Takes note also of the part of the report relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies, draws the attention of the relevant United Nations bodies to the opinions and recommendations of the Committee relating to those Territories and stresses the necessity of providing the Committee with sufficient information in order to enable it to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

3. Commends the Committee for furthering the implementation of the Convention by requesting the States parties to the Convention to include in their reports under article 9 information on the measures which they have adopted to give effect to article 7 of the Convention in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information with a view to combating prejudices which lead to racial discrimination, promoting understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations and racial or ethnic groups, and propagating the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention:

4/ Ibid., draft resolution II.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/32/18).

4. Welcomes decision 2 (XVI) of 9 August 1977 in which the Committee decided in principle to give general distribution to the reports of States parties to the Convention and other official documents of the Committee which would bring about greater awareness by world public opinion of the problem of racial discrimination and mobilize it on the realization of the goals and principles contained in the Convention;

5. Welcomes all efforts by the Committee to focus the greatest attention on the just cause of the peoples struggling against the oppression of the colonialist and racist régimes in southern Africa;

6. Invites States parties to the Convention to provide necessary information to the Committee in accordance with article 9 of the Convention, taking into account in particular:

(a) General recommendation III and decision 2 (XI) on the status of their relations with the racist régimes in southern Africa;

(b) General recommendation IV on the demographic composition of their population;

(c) General recommendation V on measures adopted to give effect to article 7 of the Convention;

7. Expresses its grave concern that some States parties to the Convention, for reasons beyond their control, are prevented from fulfilling their obligation under the Convention in parts of their respective territories, endorses the relevant decisions of the Committee and recalls General Assembly resolutions 2784 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and 3266 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 concerning the situation in the Golan Heights;

8. Invites the States parties to the Convention to observe fully the provisions of the Convention and other international instruments and agreements to which they are parties concerning the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

9. Invites all States which are not yet parties to the Convention to ratify or accede to it and, pending such ratification or accession, to be guided by the basic provisions of the Convention in their internal and foreign policies.
