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

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, as a matter of high priority, in accordance with Assembly resolution 32/10, of 7 November 1977.
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
3. The Committee considered this item at its 16th, 17th, 20th, 23rd to 27th, 29th and 65th meetings, on 13, 16, 17 and 19 to 25 October and 4 December. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States on this item are set out in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/33/SR.16, 17, 20, 23-27, 29 and 65).
4. In connexion with item 73, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General (A/33/263);
 - (b) Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held at Dakar from 24 to 28 April 1978 (A/33/151);
 - (c) Documents of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978 (A/33/206).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/33/L.13

5. At the 20th meeting, on 17 October, the Chairman of the Committee drew the Committee's attention to the text of the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1978/7, entitled "Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination". The text was distributed as document A/C.3/33/L.13.

6. At the 65th meeting, on 4 December 1978, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (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:

Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action
to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 32/10 of 7 November 1977,

Noting that, at the mid-term of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the evils of apartheid, racism and racial discrimination, including the denial of the right to self-determination, continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere,

Convinced that the withdrawal of foreign investments and the termination of the activities of the transnational corporations in southern Africa will contribute significantly to achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme for the Decade,

1. Condemns once again the policies of apartheid, racism and racial discrimination which prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination;

2. Urges all States to continue to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. Reaffirms its strong support for oppressed peoples struggling to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, colonialism and alien domination;

4. Calls once again upon all the Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such enterprises;

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5. Urges once again United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade, in particular by taking the measures specified in paragraph 6 of its resolution 32/10;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to give the utmost publicity to the Programme for the Decade;

7. Urges once again all Governments and private organizations to make available adequate resources to enable the Secretary-General to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme and in support of the activities envisaged during the Decade;

8. Decides to continue to consider as a matter of higher priority, at its thirty-fourth session, the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".
