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with General Assembly resolution 38/14

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its first regular session of 1984, the Economic and Social Council had before it under item 2 of the agenda a draft plan of activities for the period 1985-1989 submitted to it by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 38/14 (A/39/167 and Add.1-E/1984/33 and Add.1).

2. In paragraph 3 of resolution 1984/43 of 24 May 1984, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a revised plan of activities for the period 1985-1989, taking into account the priorities reflected in the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the relevant resolutions and recommendations, including the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the programme of activities to be undertaken during the second half of that Decade, as contained in, respectively, General Assembly resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, particularly paragraphs 18 (b) and 18 (e) thereof, and 34/24 of 15 November 1979. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. CONSIDERATION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

3. During the consideration of the initial draft plan of activities for the period 1985-1989, various delegations expressed their views on the general considerations which should guide the plan and commented on the plan as a whole, as well as on specific proposals contained therein. Suggestions for additions and for possible deletions were also made.

4. Some delegations welcomed the draft plan of activities and felt that it constituted an initial basis for further work. Some delegations supported the plan in general but wished to see it improved. Some delegations stated that they could accept the plan as a whole although they had reservations on particular topics mentioned in it. Some delegations felt that, while there were elements in the plan which were useful, it was not comprehensive enough and did not give adequate emphasis to certain priority areas to which they attached special importance.

5. Many delegations spoke in support of the need for financial restraint in planning and undertaking future activities within the framework of the Decade.

6. A number of specific suggestions were made by delegations with a view to further development of the plan. Some delegations felt that more priority should be given to the question of apartheid and that a separate section on activities to combat apartheid should be included in the document as an initial section. In this regard, it was stated that fuller account could be taken of the pronouncements of the General Assembly concerning sanctions against South Africa. Heightened action to combat apartheid in South Africa was supported by all delegations. A specific suggestion made was that, among the future seminars to be organized, two seminars should be organized on some aspects of the struggle against apartheid.

7. It was suggested that the proposed plan should integrate to a greater extent than had been done before certain elements of the Programme for the first Decade (resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex), as well as some elements of the Programme for the Second Decade as adopted by the General Assembly (resolution 38/14, annex). In particular, it was suggested that paragraphs 13 and 18 of the Programme for the first Decade should be included in the proposed plan of activities for 1984-1989 and that the role of national, regional and international organizations could be made more specific. It was further suggested that the role of the Economic and Social Council, as specified in paragraph 18 of the Programme for the first Decade, could be incorporated in the draft plan of activities. As regards the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, it was suggested that paragraph 8 of that Programme could be included in the proposed plan of activities.

8. In re-examining the proposed plan of activities for the period 1985-1989, the Secretary-General has taken the views of delegations as summarized above carefully into account. Specific suggestions made for additions to the plan have been included on the basis of the Programmes for the First and Second Decades adopted by the General Assembly. Where suggestions were made for deletions or changes in formulation in the initial draft plan of activities (A/39/167 and Add.1-E/1984/33 and Add.1), the Secretary-General felt that it would be preferable to leave it up to the Assembly to make whatever deletions or reformulations it considered necessary.

III. SUGGESTED ELEMENTS FOR REVISING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

A. Action to combat apartheid

9. The following could be included as an initial section of the proposed plan based on section A of the annex to General Assembly resolution 38/14:

All States, United Nations organs and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations should again be called upon to ensure the full and universal implementation of mandatory Security Council resolutions and to make efforts to implement other United Nations resolutions. Particular attention should be paid to specific measures designed to ensure the implementation of the provisions relating to apartheid, including, in particular, those contained in paragraphs 2 to 15 of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

10. In this connection, paragraph 8 of the Programme of Action might be borne in mind, in which the Security Council was called upon to consider urgently the imposition of mandatory sanctions, under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, against the apartheid régime of South Africa, and in particular:

(a) The cessation of all collaboration with South Africa in the nuclear field, as such collaboration would enhance South Africa's capacity to develop nuclear weapons;

(b) The prohibition of all technological assistance or collaboration in the manufacture of arms in South Africa and the provision of military supplies to South Africa;

(c) The cessation of foreign investments in, and financial loans to, South Africa;

(d) An embargo on the supply of petroleum, petroleum products, and other strategic commodities that would enable South Africa to continue implementing its apartheid policy;

(e) The interruption of trade relations with South Africa.

11. The Special Committee against Apartheid may especially be urged to pay particular attention to the parts of the Programme, referred to above, dealing with efforts to combat apartheid.

12. The seminars to be organized during the period should include one seminar on "Apartheid as an international crime" and another on "Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid".

B. International and regional activities

13. The following could be included as an independent section in the proposed plan of action. It is based on paragraph 13 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII):

(a) International and regional seminars, conferences and other similar activities in line with the goals and objectives of the Programme should be undertaken; the Secretary-General should be informed of all the activities undertaken in this connection;

(b) Ways and means should be considered of preparing concrete proposals in support of the efforts of all oppressed peoples suffering from racism and racial discrimination, including the establishment of regional funds on a voluntary basis to support the efforts of those peoples; reports on the subject would be forwarded to the Secretary-General every two years;

(c) Racist régimes should be denied any support or assistance that could enable them to perpetuate racist policies or practices, including policies aimed at depriving the indigenous people of their inalienable rights;

(d) States should adopt measures to prevent the activities of persons and groups which incite sectarian and racial passions that would provoke people to leave their land and settle in lands belonging to others in accordance with policies designed to consolidate settler-colonialism or to settle people in reservations, thus condemning them to a marginal existence;

(e) It is essential to consider ways and means of ensuring the international and regional isolation of racist régimes;

(f) It is essential to provide support and assistance, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant United Nations declarations and resolutions, to liberation movements struggling against colonialism and racial discrimination, as well as to Governments that wish to embark on concrete programmes to eradicate racial discrimination;

(g) The implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as United Nations resolutions on this question, is imperative; the regional organizations should be invited by the United Nations to give attention to this question in order that the total eradication of all forms of racial discrimination may be attained within the shortest possible time;

(h) The adoption of new international instruments regarding the elimination of racial discrimination in all its forms and the suppression of the crime of apartheid should be considered;

(i) The co-ordination by all Governments of their activities in the field of information is advisable; such co-ordination should be achieved through the United Nations, the regional organizations or through bilateral or multilateral agreements.

C. Co-ordination, review and appraisal, and reporting

14. The following could be added as the final section of the plan. It is based on paragraph 18 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII):

(a) The General Assembly shall entrust the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for co-ordinating the programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connection with the Decade;

(b) The Economic and Social Council shall, during the period of the Decade, submit an annual report to the General Assembly containing, inter alia:

(i) An enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and other international organizations;

(ii) A review and appraisal of those activities;

(iii) Its suggestions and recommendations;

(c) The Secretary-General shall provide the Economic and Social Council with such assistance as may be necessary for the performance of its functions relating to the Decade;

(d) Governments should forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme for the Decade, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General, these reports shall be transmitted to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration;

(e) The Secretary-General shall submit to the Economic and Social Council an annual report containing:

- (i) A summary of the actions, suggestions, trends etc., emerging from the deliberations of United Nations organs and bodies and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, as well as from the deliberations of the specialized agencies concerned with the question of racial discrimination and apartheid;
- (ii) A summary of information relating to the elimination of racism and racial discrimination as may be received by the United Nations under the system of periodic reports on human rights;
- (iii) Information concerning the activities undertaken or contemplated during the Decade under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights in regard to the elimination of racial discrimination;
- (iv) Information submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative relationship concerning activities undertaken or contemplated during the Decade;
- (v) A report on the action of the Department of Public Information with respect to the Decade;
- (vi) A report on any action by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in relation to the Decade;

(f) Adequate resources shall be made available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade and, in particular, to enable him to provide the Economic and Social Council with such assistance as may be necessary for the performance of its functions relating to the Decade;

(g) The General Assembly shall consider annually the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council and of other relevant reports which it may receive from the Secretary-General, and shall review the implementation of this Programme;

(h) The General Assembly shall address itself at the earliest opportunity to the question of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions on apartheid, racial discrimination and related matters.

IV. CONCLUSION

15. Should the above elements be acceptable to the General Assembly, they could eventually be included in the plan of activities in the following order:

- I. International and regional activities (additional text in para. 13 above);
- II. Action to combat apartheid (additional text in para. 9 above);
- III. Selected problems (sect. VI of first draft plan of activities (A/39/167-E/1984/33));
- IV. National legislation and international standards (sect. II of first draft plan (A/39/167-E/1984/33));
- V. Education, teaching, training and the dissemination of information (sect. III of first draft plan (A/39/167-E/1984/33));
- VI. Research and studies (sect. IV of first draft plan (A/39/167-E/1984/33));
- VII. National institutions (sect. V of first draft plan (A/39/167-E/1984/33));
- VIII. Co-ordination, review and appraisal, and reporting (additional text in para. 14 above).
