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RESOLUTIONS

1984/52. Organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa, in particular resolution 1981/86 of 2 November 1981, in which it called for the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, and its resolution 1983/75 of 29 July 1983,

1. *Decides* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Preparations for the Public Hearings on the Activities of Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia shall commence its work no later than 1 August 1984, and requests it to report on the modalities and subjects of the hearings to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its eleventh session;

2. *Calls upon* the regional groups that have not yet done so to nominate their representatives to the *Ad Hoc* Committee.

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25 July 1984*

1984/53. Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declara-

tion and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 38/36 of 1 December 1983 on the question of Namibia, and 38/39 D on sanctions against South Africa, 38/39 G on military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa, 38/39 I on investments in South Africa and 38/39 J on an oil embargo against South Africa, all of 5 December 1983,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 38/50 of 7 December 1983 on activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the activities of transnational corporations in southern Africa and the collaboration of such corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of transnational corporations and measures being taken by Governments to prohibit investments in South Africa and Namibia¹ and the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home

¹ E/C.10/1984/10.

countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations,² prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/74 and decision 1983/182, both of 29 July 1983,

Considering that the persistent operations of transnational corporations in Namibia in contravention of various United Nations resolutions continue to reinforce the illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa and to pose a serious threat to the future political and economic independence of Namibia,

Considering also that the role of transnational corporations in the strategic sectors, including the military and nuclear sectors, of the South African economy has persisted in violation of United Nations resolutions,

Considering further that the continued collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa has caused widespread concern in recent years among national and local legislators, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, academic institutions and numerous other groups,

Affirming the need for action at the international level by intergovernmental organizations in order to complement national measures,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of transnational corporations and measures being taken by Governments to prohibit investments in South Africa and Namibia and the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/74 and decision 1983/182;

2. *Commends* those groups, bodies and institutions that have exerted pressure on transnational corporations to terminate their investments in South Africa and other forms of collaboration with the racist minority régime, and calls upon such organizations to intensify their efforts in those areas;

3. *Welcomes* as a positive step the policies of Governments directed towards bringing to an end the activities of their transnational corporations in southern Africa;

4. *Condemns* the racist minority régime in South Africa for its perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

5. *Condemns* those transnational corporations which collaborate with the racist minority régime in South Africa, and calls upon all transnational corporations to respect the various United Nations resolutions concerning southern Africa;

6. *Calls upon* all home countries of transnational corporations to take effective measures to terminate the

collaboration of their transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in South Africa, to prevent further new investments and reinvestments and to bring about an immediate withdrawal of all existing investments in South Africa and Namibia;

7. *Calls upon* all countries concerned to re-examine their relations with the transnational corporations operating in their territories which collaborate with the racist minority régime in South Africa;

8. *Calls upon* all anti-*apartheid* movements, religious institutions and bodies, trade unions, universities and other institutions which are shareholders of transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to contribute to the efforts of the international community to eradicate *apartheid* by withdrawing their shareholdings in such transnational corporations;

9. *Urges* all transnational corporations to comply fully with the relevant United Nations resolutions by terminating all further investments in South Africa and Namibia and by ending their collaboration with the racist minority régime;

10. *Further calls upon* all States Members of the United Nations and all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Commission on Transnational Corporations in organizing public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia;

11. *Reaffirms* Security Council resolution 301 (1971) of 20 October 1971, in which the Council called upon States to abstain from entering into economic relations with South Africa in respect of Namibia and declared that rights, titles or contracts granted to individuals or corporations by South Africa after the termination of the mandate were not subject to protection or espousal by their States against the claims of a future lawful Government of Namibia;

12. *Reaffirms* that the code of conduct on transnational corporations should include effective measures against the collaboration of transnational corporations with the racist minority régime in southern Africa;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To intensify the useful work of the Secretariat in the collection and dissemination of information on the activities of all transnational corporations in southern Africa;

(b) To make arrangements for the organization of public hearings, to be conducted by the Commission on Transnational Corporations, with the assistance of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in accordance with the modalities and procedures to be prescribed by the Commission at its eleventh session;

(c) To report to the Commission at its eleventh session on the measures taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

² E/C.10/1984/19 and Add. I.

(d) To prepare an updated report on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, including an annex containing a list of all transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia, to be submitted to the Commission at its eleventh session;

(e) To bring up to date for the eleventh session of the Commission the report of the Secretariat on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations.

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1984/54. Tenth anniversary of the World Food Conference

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition as adopted by the World Food Conference³ and the Programme of Action as adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,⁴

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/71 of 29 July 1983 and General Assembly resolution 38/158 of 19 December 1983,

Noting with appreciation the documentation prepared for the tenth session of the World Food Council, in particular the report prepared in co-operation with the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat on the global assessment of resource flows through the United Nations system to the food and agriculture sector,⁵ requested by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 10 of its resolution 1983/77 of 29 July 1983,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the World Food Council on the work of its tenth session,⁶ held at Addis Ababa from 11 to 15 June 1984, endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Council,⁷ as adopted, and recommends them to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session for consideration;

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, should appropriately mark the tenth anniversary of the World Food Conference, held at Rome from 5 to 16 November 1974, taking into ac-

³ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

⁴ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979* (WCARRD/REP), part one.

⁵ WFC/1984/9.

⁶ WFC/1984/14; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/39/19).

⁷ WFC/1984/14, part one.

count the ten-year assessment of the world food economy carried out by the World Food Council.⁸

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1984/55. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the interna- tional institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General⁹ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council¹⁰ 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 Nations,

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 representative of the 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 38/51 of 7 December 1983 and Council resolution 1983/42 of 25 July 1983,

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 of 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

⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 2-14.

⁹ A/39/293.

¹⁰ E/1984/123.