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Report of the Committee on the Elimination of
 Racial Discrimination

Report of the Third Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Third Committee decided, at its 1977th meeting on 24 September 1973, to consider agenda item 53 (c) entitled "Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination" as the eleventh item on its agenda.
2. The Committee considered this subitem at its 2034th to 2037th meetings, from 21 to 23 November 1973. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.3/SR.2034-2037) contain the views expressed by representatives of Member States on this subitem.
3. The Committee had before it the annual report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1/ submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The report covered the activities of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its seventh and eighth sessions, held in 1973.
4. The administrative and financial implications of decision 5 (VII) adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its seventh session concerning its meetings in 1974 and 1975 2/ were submitted to the Third Committee in document A/C.3/L.2055.
5. The item was introduced by the Director of the Division of Human Rights at the 2034th meeting, on 21 November 1973.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

6. At the 2037th meeting, the representative of Yugoslavia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/L.2078) sponsored by Argentina, Cuba, Egypt, Nigeria and Yugoslavia. Subsequently Algeria and the Philippines joined as sponsors.
7. At the same meeting, the sponsors of the draft resolution agreed to a proposal by the representative of Mauritania to delete the word "all" from the phrase "the increasing participation of all States parties" in operative paragraph 2. They also agreed to a proposal by the representative of Brazil to revise operative paragraph 5, which in the original draft resolution had read:

"5. Endorses decision 5 (VII) of the Committee concerning its meeting in Geneva in 1974;"

to read as follows:

"5. Endorses the request of the Committee contained in its decision 5 (VII) concerning one of its meetings in 1974 in Geneva;"

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/9018).

2/ Ibid., chap. IX and chap. X, sect. A.

The representative of Yugoslavia, on behalf of the sponsors, agreed that the endorsement of the Committee's request in operative paragraph 5 referred to the summer session of the Committee in 1974, as decided by the Committee itself.

8. At its 2037th meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution as orally revised. At the request of the representative of New Zealand, a separate vote was taken on operative paragraph 5. The result of the voting was as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 5 was adopted by 52 votes to 8, with 38 abstentions.

(b) The draft resolution (A/C.3/L.2078) as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted by 102 votes to none, with 4 abstentions (see paragraph 9 below).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

9. 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 that in its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination the General Assembly has emphasized, in the programme for the Decade, the need for universal ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination as well as the need for giving full effect to all the provisions of the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the fourth year of its activities, 3/ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Noting the decisions of the Committee contained in chapter X of its report,

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

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the increasing participation of States parties in submitting their reports to the Committee and by sending representatives to the Committee when it considers their reports;

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/9018).

3. Endorses the Committee's request in its decision 2 (VIII) concerning specific information to be made available to the Committee by the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples under article 15 of the Convention, on Trust Territories, Non-Self-Governing Territories and all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies, and draws to the attention of these organs the conclusions and recommendations set out in the report of the Committee concerning information submitted by them; 4/
4. Takes note of decision 4 (VII) of the Committee relating to information supplied by the Syrian Arab Republic and, in this connexion, recalls its endorsement of decision 4 (IV) of the Committee, in section III of General Assembly resolution 2784 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971;
5. Endorses the request of the Committee contained in its decision 5 (VII) concerning one of its meetings in 1974 at Geneva;
6. Expresses the conviction that the Committee, by fulfilling its responsibilities under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, will contribute to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) relating to the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;
7. Urgently requests all States which are not yet parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to ratify or accede to the Convention as soon as possible.

4/ Ibid., para. 335.