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MANIFESTATIONS OF RACIAL PREJUDICE AND NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its twelfth session (January 1960) and the Commission on Human Rights at its sixteenth session (February-March 1960), condemned the manifestations of anti-Semitism and other forms of racial prejudice and religious intolerance of a similar nature which had occurred late in 1959 and early in 1960 in various countries. The Commission, in its resolution 6 (XVI), requested the Secretary-General to arrange, in consultation with the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies in whose territories such manifestations had occurred, UNESCO, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, to obtain any information or comments relevant to such manifestations and public reaction to them, the measures taken to combat them, and their causes or motivations. The Commission requested the Sub-Commission to evaluate the materials received, to draw such conclusions therefrom as seemed to be justified, to recommend such action as seemed to be desirable, and to report thereon to the Commission.
2. The General Assembly at its fifteenth session, sharing the grave concern of the Sub-Commission and of the Commission about these manifestations, adopted resolution 1510 (XV), on manifestations of racial and national hatred.
3. On recommendation of the Sub-Commission and the Commission, the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session adopted resolution 826 B (XXXII), as follows:

"MANIFESTATIONS OF RACIAL PREJUDICE AND NATIONAL
AND RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

"The Economic and Social Council

"Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following
draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

'Having considered the report of the seventeenth session of the
Commission on Human Rights 1/ and the report of the thirteenth session
of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection
of Minorities, 2/

'Deeply disturbed by the continued existence and manifestations
of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance in different
parts of the world,

'Reiterating its condemnation of all manifestations of racial
prejudice and national and religious intolerance as violations of
the United Nations Charter and of the Universal Declaration of
Human Rights,

'Recalling its resolution 1510 (XV) of 12 December 1960,

'Considering it essential to recommend further specific effective
measures to eliminate these manifestations of prejudice and intolerance,

'1. Invites the Governments of all States, specialized agencies
and non-governmental and private organizations to continue to make
sustained efforts to educate public opinion with a view to the
eradication of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance
and the elimination of all undesirable influences promoting these, and
to take appropriate measures so that education may be directed with
due regard to article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
and principle 10 of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, adopted
by the General Assembly in resolution 1386 (XIV) of 20 November 1959;

'2. Calls upon the Governments of all States to take all necessary
steps to rescind discriminatory laws which have the effect of creating
and perpetuating racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance
wherever they still exist, to adopt legislation if necessary for
prohibiting such discrimination, and to take such legislative or other
appropriate measures to combat such prejudice and intolerance;

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second session,
Supplement No. 8, chapter V, paras. 99-139, and resolutions 5 and 6 (XVII).

2/ E/CN.4/815, chapter IX and resolution 5 (XIII).

'3. Recommends to the Governments of all States to discourage in every possible way the creation, propagation and dissemination, in whatever form, of such prejudice and intolerance;

'4. Invites the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to co-operate fully with Governments of States in their efforts aimed at the prevention and eradication of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance.'
