

**1985/43. Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts of the Commission on Human Rights on allegations of infringements of trade union rights in the Republic of South Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling its resolution 1984/42 of 24 May 1984,*

*Having examined the extract from the progress report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa,<sup>101</sup>*

*Noting with grave concern that police and State interference in industrial disputes and repression against the independent black trade union movement have intensified,*

*Noting further with indignation the severe repression against trade unionists in the so-called "homelands",*

1. *Takes notes of the extract from the progress report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa;*

2. *Deplores the repression by the Government of South Africa against the growing independent black trade union movement;*

3. *Demands once again the cessation of persecution of trade unionists and repression of the independent black trade union movement by the Government of South Africa;*

4. *Calls once again for the immediate recognition of the unimpeded exercise of freedom of association and trade union rights by the entire population of South Africa, without discrimination of any kind;*

5. *Demands the immediate release of all trade unionists imprisoned for exercising their legitimate trade union rights and the lifting of the orders banning trade unionists and trade union organizations;*

6. *Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Council;*

7. *Also requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, in the discharge of its mandate, to consult with the International Labour Organisation and the Special Committee against Apartheid, as well as with international and African trade union confederations;*

8. *Decides to consider at its first regular session of 1986 the question of allegations of infringements of trade union rights in South Africa as a sub-item of the item entitled "Human rights questions".*

*25th plenary meeting  
30 May 1985*

**1985/44. Solemn commemorative ceremony in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/114**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/114 of 14 December 1984, in which the Assembly declared that 8 and 9 May 1985 would be the days of the fortieth anniversary of victory over nazism and fascism in the Second World War and of that struggle against them,*

*Taking note also of Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1985/31 of 13 March 1985, entitled "Measures to be taken against all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences".*

<sup>101</sup> E/1985/41, annex.

and 1985/32 of 13 March 1985, entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War",<sup>102</sup>

*Paying a tribute of respect to the peoples whose great efforts and sufferings led to the end of the Second World War and to the establishment of the United Nations forty years ago,*

*Recalling that the United Nations Organization embodies the resolve of peoples to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,*

*Noting that on 8 May 1985 the Economic and Social Council held a solemn commemorative ceremony in the light of General Assembly resolution 39/114, bearing in mind the continuing relevance of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its emphasis on the importance of international co-operation towards peace, security and development, fundamental human rights and the dignity of the human person, and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,*

1. *Takes note, with appreciation, of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>103</sup> and decides to transmit it to the General Assembly;*

2. *Acknowledges with satisfaction that many States have taken measures for the solemn commemoration of this anniversary and of the founding of the United Nations;*

3. *Considers that the solemn commemoration by the Council of this anniversary should serve the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the fundamental right to life, liberty and security of person.*

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**1985/45. International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling its decision 1984/124 of 24 May 1984 on the Statute of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,*

*Further recalling General Assembly resolutions 39/122 of 14 December 1984 and 39/249 of 9 April 1985,*

*Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fifth session,<sup>104</sup>*

1. *Expresses its satisfaction for the significant achievements in the programme of work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;*

2. *Takes note of the decisions of the Board of Trustees contained in the report of its fifth session;*

3. *Notes the decision of the Board of Trustees by which it requested the Economic and Social Council to make an appeal for contributions from Governments and other potential donors;<sup>105</sup>*

4. *Appeals to Governments and other potential donors to contribute to the Trust Fund established for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in view of the increasing importance of*

<sup>102</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985, Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22)*, chap II.

<sup>103</sup> A/40/232-E/1985/40 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>104</sup> E/1985/44.

<sup>105</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 16.

research and training for full participation of women in the development process at all levels.

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31 May 1985

## 1985/46. Women and development

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and 1983/78 of 29 July 1983, as well as its decision 1984/101 of 10 February 1984, by which it decided to review the question of women and development at its first regular session of 1985,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General reviewing the issue of women and development in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system,<sup>106</sup>

*Confirming* the importance of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Convinced* of the importance of integrating women fully into all aspects of the development process both as agents and as beneficiaries,

*Recognizing* the need for greater coherence and efficiency of the policies and programmes related to women and development of the organizations of the United Nations system,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 1984/12 of 24 May 1984, pursuant to which the Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-first session, will review the ways in which the needs and concerns of women can be integrated into all planning and programme activities of the United Nations system,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General reviewing the issue of women and development in the medium-term plans of the organizations of the United Nations system, and the recommendations contained therein, as a first step towards a coherent approach by the organizations of the United Nations system to policies and programmes related to women and development;

2. *Urges* all United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions, and the specialized agencies which have not yet done so, to develop and implement comprehensive policies for women and development and to incorporate them into their medium-term plans, statements of objectives, programmes and other major policy statements;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to take the initiative in formulating a system-wide medium-term plan for women and development, taking into account the priorities recommended by the Council, the recommendations of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, to be held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985, and the relevant decisions of the respective governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system, to be submitted, through the Committee on the Status of Women at its thirty-first session, to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-sixth session and to the Council at its second regular session of 1986;

4. *Recommends* that future medium-term plans of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should contain intersectoral presentations of the various programmes dealing with issues of concern to women and that revisions of current plans should be considered in the light of the results of the Nairobi Conference;

5. *Also recommends* that in formulating programmes and projects it should explicitly be indicated where women constitute a significant proportion of the intended beneficiaries;

6. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women, beginning in 1986, to review regularly the priorities and strategies for the advancement of women of the organizations of the United Nations system and to report biennially to the Council on progress made system-wide in their implementation;

7. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to undertake in 1989 a cross-organizational programme analysis in order to review systematically the activities for and resources allocated to the advancement of women, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed general framework and approach of that cross-organizational programme analysis for comment to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session;

8. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Secretary-General<sup>106</sup> to the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace for its consideration in formulating forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women at the international and regional levels;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its regular sessions of 1986 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>106</sup> E/1985/45.