

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take any other necessary action to strengthen co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa, and, in this connexion, draws attention to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council to the need to take effective measures to associate the Organization of African Unity regularly with all the Council's work concerning Africa, including the activities of its committee on sanctions;¹¹

5. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and intensify their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its twenty-ninth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

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3073 (XXVIII). Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States

The General Assembly,

Having further considered the item entitled "Strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States",

Recalling its resolution 2925 (XXVII) of 27 November 1972,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared on the basis of that resolution,¹² as well as of the views and suggestions expressed in the debate on this item,

Considering that the new steps taken towards achieving the universality of the United Nations are likely to contribute to an increase in the capacity of the Organization to take effective action for the strengthening of international peace and security and for the development of international co-operation,

Aware that the affirmation of a new course in international life, aimed at the establishment of an atmosphere of confidence and understanding between States and at the settlement of international problems of general interest with the broadest possible participation of States, requires an adequate strengthening of the role of the United Nations as a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations,

Concerned about the insufficient use of the framework provided by the United Nations for the settlement of problems affecting the interests of all Member States,

1. *Reaffirms* that it is imperative that the United Nations should become a more effective instrument in safeguarding and strengthening the independence and sovereign equality of all States, as well as the inalienable right of every people to decide its own fate without any outside interference, and that it should take firm action, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to oppose foreign domination and to prevent and suppress acts of aggression or any other acts which, in violating the Charter, may jeopardize international peace and security;

2. *Reiterates* its appeal to all Member States to take full advantage of the framework and means provided by the United Nations in order to prevent the perpetuation of situations of tension, crisis and conflict, avert the creation of such new situations which endanger international peace and security, and settle international problems exclusively by peaceful means;

3. *Believes* that the United Nations can bring an increased contribution to the strengthening of general peace and security by taking actions aimed at establishing the relations between all States on the basis of the principles of the Charter, and at using more actively the machinery and possibilities provided by the Charter with a view to preventing conflicts and encouraging the peaceful settlement of disputes between States;

4. *Considers* that the strengthening of the role of the United Nations requires continuous improvement of the functioning and effectiveness of its principal organs in the exercise of their responsibilities under the Charter;

5. *Considers further* that, in the context of endeavours to strengthen the role of the United Nations, it is important to study and agree upon ways and means of enhancing, in accordance with the Charter, the effectiveness of the resolutions of the General Assembly and other organs of the United Nations, *inter alia*, by actively promoting the method of consultation among all Member States interested in their elaboration and adoption, and by evaluating, as appropriate, their practical effects;

6. *Emphasizes* that the active participation of all Member States in the efforts aimed at strengthening the United Nations and enhancing its role in contemporary international relations is essential for the success of these efforts;

7. *Urges* all Member States, in furtherance of these efforts, to fulfil their obligations under the Charter and, in accordance with its provisions, to implement the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

8. *Invites* all Member States to communicate and further elaborate on their views, suggestions and proposals concerning the strengthening of the role of the United Nations, not later than 30 April 1974;

9. *Believes* that the efforts aimed at strengthening the role of the United Nations will be greatly assisted by grouping the views, suggestions and proposals made on this subject by Member States, so as to facilitate their consideration by the appropriate existing organs of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report presenting, in a systematized manner, those

¹¹ Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia.

¹² A/9128 and Add.1.