

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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#### 2496 (XXIV). Effects of atomic radiation

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions,

Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

1. Notes with appreciation the report adopted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at its nineteenth session;<sup>1</sup>

2. Commends the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation;

3. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. Notes the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its twentieth session in September 1970 and to submit an additional report to the General Assembly;

5. Expresses its appreciation of the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

6. Recommends that all parties concerned should continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination of its findings to the public.

*1791st plenary meeting,  
28 October 1969.*

#### 2506 (XXIV). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa

A

*The General Assembly,*

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa<sup>2</sup> and the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,<sup>3</sup>

Bearing in mind its resolutions calling on the Government of South Africa to liberate all persons imprisoned, interned or subjected to other restrictions for their opposition to *apartheid*,

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 25 (A/7625/Rev.1).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/7715, annex.

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/7613 and Corr.1).

*Noting with grave concern* that the Government of South Africa has continued to persecute the opponents of *apartheid*, that detainees are subjected to brutal treatment and that several such persons have died following this inhuman treatment,

*Convinced* that such actions further aggravate the deteriorating situation in South Africa,

1. *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its refusal to comply with the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council calling for an end to the oppression and persecution of all persons opposing the policies of *apartheid*;

2. *Further condemns* the Government of South Africa for its repressive acts against the political movement of the oppressed people of South Africa and, in particular, for its enactment of the Terrorism Act, 1967;

3. *Urges* all States and organizations to exert every appropriate effort to secure the unconditional release of all political prisoners and persons subjected to restrictions for opposing *apartheid*;

4. *Reiterates* that freedom fighters who are taken prisoner in the course of their legitimate struggle for liberation should be extended humane treatment in accordance with the humanitarian principles laid down in the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949;<sup>4</sup>

5. *Expresses* solidarity with all those persecuted in South Africa for their opposition to *apartheid*.

1816th plenary meeting,  
21 November 1969.

## B

### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions and those of the Security Council on the question of *apartheid*,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting with concern* that the Government of South Africa continues to intensify and extend beyond the borders of South Africa its inhuman and aggressive policies of *apartheid* and that these policies have resulted in violent conflict,

*Noting further* that the Government of South Africa, in collaboration with the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia and the Government of Portugal, continues to defy the United Nations and denies the peoples of southern Africa their inalienable right to self-determination, equality and independence,

*Convinced* that the policies and actions of the Government of South Africa are contrary to the obligations of a Member State and constitute a grave threat to international peace and security,

*Noting with regret* that the collaboration between the Government of South Africa and its main trading partners and certain financial and economic interests has encouraged that Government to pursue its policies of *apartheid*, thereby nullifying all efforts made so far by the United Nations to solve the problems,

*Recognizing* the obligations of the United Nations to take urgent and effective measures to resolve the

situation in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

*Noting with interest* the Manifesto on Southern Africa,<sup>6</sup> adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixth ordinary session,

*Noting* that the Security Council has not considered the problem of *apartheid* since 1964,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2396 (XXIII) of 2 December 1968 and its other resolutions on the question of *apartheid*;

2. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the policies of *apartheid* practised by the Government of South Africa as a crime against humanity;

3. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa for the exercise of their inalienable right of self-determination, and thus to attain majority rule based on universal suffrage;

4. *Urges* all States and organizations to provide increased assistance to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa against the policies of *apartheid*, in the light of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa;

5. *Invites* all States, in recognition of their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and in support of the legitimate struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa:

(a) To desist from collaborating with the Government of South Africa, by taking steps to prohibit financial and economic interests under their national jurisdiction from co-operating with the Government of South Africa and companies registered in South Africa;

(b) To prohibit airlines and shipping lines registered in their countries from providing services to and from South Africa and to deny all facilities to air flights and shipping services to and from South Africa;

(c) To refrain from extending loans, investments and technical assistance to the Government of South Africa and companies registered in South Africa;

(d) To take appropriate measures to dissuade the main trading partners of South Africa and economic and financial interests from collaborating with the Government of South Africa and companies registered in South Africa;

6. *Calls upon* all States to implement fully and scrupulously the provisions of the Security Council resolutions concerning the embargo on the supplying of arms and other military equipment to the Government of South Africa;

7. *Calls upon* all States to desist from providing the Government of South Africa with technical and other assistance for the manufacture of arms, ammunition and military vehicles;

8. *Calls upon* all organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other international organizations to refrain from extending facilities to banks and other financial institutions which provide assistance to the Government of South Africa and to companies registered in South Africa;

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 106, document A/7754.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75 (1950), No. 972.

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/7625/Rev.1)*.

9. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council to the grave situation in South Africa, and in southern Africa as a whole, and recommends the Council to resume urgently the consideration of the question of *apartheid* with a view to adopting effective measures, including those under Chapter VII of the Charter, to eliminate the threat to international peace and security posed by the situation;

10. *Urges* all specialized agencies and other international organizations to withhold the benefits of international co-operation from the Government of South Africa so long as it persists in its policies of *apartheid*;

11. *Invites* all States and organizations to observe with appropriate ceremonies the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March 1970—the tenth anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre—in solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa, and to make special contributions on that day in support of the struggle against *apartheid*;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee:

(a) To take additional steps to promote assistance to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa against the policies of *apartheid*, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity;

(b) To hold consultations with representatives of this movement on various aspects of the question;

(c) To take further steps, including the holding of joint meetings with other appropriate organs of the United Nations, to increase its co-operation and co-ordinate its efforts with such organs;

(d) To continue its co-operation with the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with the problems of southern Africa;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General and Member States to intensify dissemination of information on the problems of the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa, in the light of the recommendations set forth in paragraphs 155 to 160 of the report of the Special Committee.

*1816th plenary meeting,  
21 November 1969.*

## 2535 (XXIV). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) and 394 (V) of 2 and 14 December 1950, 512 (VI) and 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957, 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957, 1315 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, 1456 (XIV) of 9 December 1959, 1604 (XV) of 21 April 1961, 1725 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1856 (XVII) of 20 December 1962, 1912 (XVIII) of 3 December 1963, 2002 (XIX) of 10 February 1965, 2052 (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2154 (XXI) of 17 November 1966, 2341 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2452 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968,

*Noting* the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency

for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1968 to 30 June 1969,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Notes with deep regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the Commissioner-General and the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for their continued faithful efforts to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, and to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. *Directs* the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to continue his efforts in taking such measures, including rectification of the relief rolls, as to assure, in co-operation with the Governments concerned, the most equitable distribution of relief based on need;

4. *Notes with regret* that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation thereof;

5. *Directs attention* to the continuing critical financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the Commissioner-General's report;

6. *Notes with concern* that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions to help relieve the serious budget deficit of the past year, contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continue to fall short of the funds needed to cover essential budget requirements;

7. *Calls upon* all Governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the Commissioner-General's report, and therefore urges non-contributing Governments to contribute and contributing Governments to consider increasing their contributions.

*1827th plenary meeting,  
10 December 1969.*

### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that the problem of the Palestine Arab refugees has arisen from the denial of their inalienable rights under the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Gravely concerned* that the denial of their rights has been aggravated by the reported acts of collective punishment, arbitrary detention, curfews, destruction of homes and property, deportation and other repressive

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/7614).