

information on the struggle for liberation being waged by the peoples in the colonial Territories in Africa guided by their national liberation movements,

Taking into account the suggestions of the Special Committee as well as the views of the Office of Public Information on the implementation of these suggestions, as reflected in the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee,

Recognizing the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the aims and purposes of the Declaration and the need for the Office of Public Information to intensify its efforts to acquaint world public opinion with all aspects of the problems of decolonization,

Bearing in mind the important role being played in the widespread dissemination of relevant information by a number of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization,

Noting with satisfaction the arrangements made by the Special Committee with a view to assisting the Office of Public Information in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee relating to the dissemination of information on decolonization,

1. *Approves* the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the question of publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization;

2. *Reaffirms* the vital importance of urgently effecting the widest possible dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of colonialism, in particular the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the peoples in the colonial Territories in Africa, as well as the efforts being made by the international community to assist in the elimination of the remaining vestiges of colonialism in all its forms;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, to the situation in the colonial Territories and to the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples and, *inter alia*:

(a) To intensify the activities of all information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe, and also to establish additional information centres where appropriate, especially in southern Africa;

(b) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and a systematic exchange of the relevant information with that organization;

(c) To enlist, from the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and from those non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, support in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(d) To continue to publish, in consultation with the Special Committee, selected issues of the periodical *Objective: Justice* and the bulletin "United Nations and Southern Africa" in other languages besides English and French;

4. *Requests* Member States, in particular the administering Powers, to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to him under paragraph 3 above;

5. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, to undertake or intensify, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and within their respective spheres of competence, the large-scale dissemination of the information referred to in paragraph 2 above;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect and prepare on a continuous basis, for redissemination by the Office of Public Information, basic material, studies and articles relating to various aspects of the problems of decolonization;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the effective dissemination of information on decolonization and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

*2078th plenary meeting
2 November 1972*

2910 (XXVII). International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2505 (XXIV) of 20 November 1969, in which it expressed the firm intention of the United Nations, acting in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa,

Taking into account the proposal of the Organization of African Unity to convene an international conference against colonialism and *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to organize at Oslo in 1973 an International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and *Apartheid* in Southern Africa and authorizes him to provide the necessary staff and services for the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the organization and results of the Conference.

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2 November 1972*

2911 (XXVII). Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa and Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Equal Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Noting with satisfaction the progress towards national independence and freedom made by the national liberation movements in the colonial Territories of southern Africa and in Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes,

Conscious of the need of the peoples and the national liberation movements of those Territories for assistance and support in their struggle to achieve freedom and independence,

1. *Appeals* to the Governments and the peoples of the world to hold annually a Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa and Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Equal Rights and proposes that the Week should begin on 25 May, Africa Liberation Day;

2. *Recommends* that, on the occasion of the Week, meetings should be held, appropriate materials should be published in the press and broadcast on radio and television and public campaigns should be conducted with a view to obtaining contributions to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity.

2078th plenary meeting
2 November 1972

2925 (XXVII). 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 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",

Aware that the United Nations is duty bound to act persistently for the observance in relations between all States of the principles of refraining from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means, non-interference in domestic affairs, the sovereign equality of all States, the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and co-operation between States,

Convinced of the need to bring about further improvements in the activities of the United Nations and its organs, taking into account the new realities of the world, thus making the United Nations an efficient forum of the international community as a whole, capable of ensuring the participation of all States in the solution of the problems facing mankind,

1. *Recognizes* that it is imperative that the Organization should become a more effective instrument in safeguarding and strengthening the independence and sovereignty 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, for the prevention and suppression of acts of aggression or any other acts which may jeopardize international peace and security;

2. *Expresses the conviction* that it is necessary to strengthen the role of the United Nations so that it may bring an increased contribution to the settlement of international issues in the interest of all peoples and of general peace and security;

3. *Urges* all Member States to fulfil their obligations under the Charter and, in accordance with its provisions, to implement the resolutions of United Nations organs;

4. *Strongly appeals* to all Member States to take full advantage of the framework and means provided by the United Nations for the solution of international issues of common interest and to contribute to the identification of ways and means of bringing about the strengthening of the capacity for action and an increase in the effectiveness of the Organization for the attainment of the ideals of peace, freedom and progress of peoples;

5. *Invites* Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 30 June 1973, their views and suggestions on the ways and means of contributing to the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in international life, including proposals for enhancing the effectiveness of the decisions and resolutions adopted by United Nations organs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the basis of the views and suggestions received under paragraph 5 above, and of the debates on this item, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session 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".

2090th plenary meeting
27 November 1972

2936 (XXVII). Non-use of force in international relations and permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Noting that renunciation of the use or threat of force as proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirmed in the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, contained in General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, contained in Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, is an obligation that all States should respect,

Noting with concern that the use of force in various forms is still occurring in violation of the Charter,

Bearing in mind that the threat of the use of nuclear weapons continues to exist,

Guided by the desire of all peoples to eliminate war and above all to prevent a nuclear disaster,

Reaffirming, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter, the inalienable right of States to self-defence against armed attack,