

2906 (XXVII). Programme for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling that on 10 December 1973 the world community will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 2860 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, by which it expressed its conviction of the historic significance and enduring value of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and decided to consider at its twenty-seventh session the question of the preparation of an appropriate programme to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹ containing suggestions as to a programme of suitable activities which could be undertaken for this purpose,

1. *Reaffirms* its adherence to the principles, values and ideals contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Reiterates the hope* that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be celebrated by the world community in a manner befitting the occasion and serving the cause of human rights;

3. *Decides* to hold a special meeting on 10 December 1973 at which will be launched the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, as and when approved;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the suggestions presented by the Secretary-General in his report;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To transmit his report to Governments, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for such action as they may wish to undertake in order to give effect to the suggestions contained in the report;

(b) To take the necessary measures for the implementation of those suggestions which fall within the Secretary-General's area of responsibility or which require action by other organs of the United Nations;

(c) To organize as soon as possible seminars on a regional level under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights with the purpose of studying new ways and means for promoting human rights in the light of the present resolution, with special attention to the problems and needs of the various regions of the world;

(d) To submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a progress report on the preparations made and the measures taken in accordance with the present resolution.

*2068th plenary meeting
19 October 1972*

2919 (XXVII). Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Firmly convinced that racial discrimination in all its forms and manifestations is a total negation of the

purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and that it militates against human progress, peace and justice,

Believing that the continuation of national, regional and international action against racial discrimination in all its forms is a matter of vital importance if the world is to live in peace and justice,

Noting that a detailed draft programme for a Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination has been prepared by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities² and that it has been submitted to the Commission on Human Rights for urgent consideration at its twenty-ninth session,

1. *Decides* to launch the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to inaugurate the activities thereof on 10 December 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Invites* therefore the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to give the highest priority to the consideration of the draft programme for the Decade and to submit it to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session for final consideration.

*2085th plenary meeting
15 November 1972*

2920 (XXVII). Exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,³

Recalling the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1706 (LIII) of 28 July 1972 concerning illicit trafficking in foreign labour,

Noting that some States have acceded to the Convention concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949),⁴ adopted by the International Labour Conference at its thirty-second session,

Noting with interest resolution IV of 27 June 1972, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its fifty-seventh session, concerning conditions and equality of treatment of migrant workers,

Deeply concerned by the *de facto* discrimination of which foreign workers are the victims in certain countries of Europe and of other continents, despite the efforts made by certain Governments, particularly at the legislative level, to prevent and repress it,

1. *Calls upon* the Governments of the above-mentioned countries to take or supervise the application of measures to put an end to the discriminatory treatment of which migrant workers in their territory are the victims and particularly to ensure the improvement of arrangements for receiving such workers;

2. *Invites* all Governments to ensure respect for the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

² A/8805, annex.

³ Resolution 2106 A (XX).

⁴ International Labour Organisation, *Conventions and Recommendations, 1919-1966* (Geneva, 1966), Convention No. 97, p. 743.

¹ A/8820 and Corr.1.

3. *Recommends* that the Commission on Human Rights should consider the question of the exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking at its next session, as provided in Economic and Social Council resolution 1706 (LIII), as a matter of priority;

4. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to continue the studies it has begun on illicit trafficking in foreign labour, which is a form of exploitation, and to strengthen international machinery for the protection of migrant workers;

5. *Urges* the Governments which have not yet done so to give high priority to the ratification of the Convention of the International Labour Organisation concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949), in the context of their efforts to eliminate illicit trafficking in foreign labour.

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15 November 1972

2921 (XXVII). Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the third year of its activities,⁵ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Urgently requests* all States which are not yet parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to ratify or accede to the Convention, if possible by 10 December 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption of the new procedure for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention, which includes an invitation to States parties to be present at, and take part in, the Committee's discussions when their reports are under consideration, as suggested in paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 2783 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971.

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2922 (XXVII). Draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2786 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

Reaffirming its firm conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity,

Recognizing the urgent need to take further effective measures with a view to the suppression and punishment of *apartheid*,

Reaffirming again that the conclusion of an international convention on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid* would be an important contribution to the struggle against *apartheid*, racism, economic exploitation, colonial domination and foreign occupation,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made in order to elaborate an international document on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and to States the revised draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*⁷ and the amendments thereto⁸ for their comments and views;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-ninth session to consider as a priority item the revised draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* and the amendments thereto, and to submit the results of its consideration thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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15 November 1972

2955 (XXVII). Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights",

Recalling resolution 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which the General Assembly urged the Security Council as well as States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies to take effective steps to ensure the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all peoples under colonial and alien domination to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and with Assembly resolutions 2649 (XXV) of 30 November 1970 and 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

Disturbed at the continued reluctance of the colonial and racist Powers, such as Portugal and South Africa, to recognize and to apply the right to self-determination and independence for the peoples of the Territories under their control,

Deeply concerned at the negative attitude of certain Member States to the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General

⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8718).

⁶ Resolution 2106 A (XX).

⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/8880, para. 42.

⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 43.