

6. *Expresses the conviction* that the Committee, by fulfilling its responsibilities under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, will contribute to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) relating to the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

7. *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 as soon as possible.

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3135 (XXVIII). Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 3060 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 relating to the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the General Assembly invited States which had not yet done so to ratify, *inter alia*, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,³⁰

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;³¹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the General Assembly annual reports concerning the state of ratifications of the Convention in accordance with its resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

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3136 (XXVIII). Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2841 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1237 (XLII) of 6 June 1967,

Taking note of the deliberations of the General Assembly, since its twentieth session, on the item entitled "Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights",

Taking note also of the note by the Secretary-General on the question,³²

Bearing in mind the Proclamation of Teheran of 13 May 1968,³³

Having regard to the existing machinery and procedures within the United Nations system for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, to the proceedings of the various organs and bodies of

the United Nations and to the various modalities suggested in the course of the deliberations of those bodies for the more effective implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Expressing the hope that the International Covenants on Human Rights³⁴ will enter into force in the near future,

1. *Reaffirms* its conviction that further measures should be considered to ensure universal realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction of any kind;

2. *Decides* to keep under review the consideration of alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Decides* accordingly to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session an item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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3137 (XXVIII). Question of the elderly and the aged

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2842 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971 on the question of the elderly and the aged,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1751 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 on the aged and social security,

Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which emphasizes respect for the dignity and worth of the human person, especially article 25 thereof,

Bearing in mind also that the protection of the rights and welfare of the aged is one of the main goals of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,³⁵

Recognizing the growing interest for developing and developed societies alike in the fuller participation of the elderly in the mainstream of national societies,

Noting that the status of the elderly in society varies from country to country,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged³⁶ and the recommendations contained therein,

Concerned about the growing magnitude of the problems of the aged accompanied by changes in the age structure of societies and the consequent increase in the proportion of the older sector of populations in a growing number of countries,

1. *Expresses appreciation* for the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the elderly and the aged³⁶ and the note prepared by the World Health Organization on the health concerns of the elderly and the aged;³⁷

2. *Draws the attention* of Member States affected by the problem to the need for short-term and long-term policies and programmes for the elderly;

³⁰ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

³¹ A/9139.

³² A/9074.

³³ *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 3.

³⁴ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

³⁵ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

³⁶ A/9126 and Corr.1.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, annex III.