

3246 (XXIX). 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,

Reaffirming its faith in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of that Declaration,

Recalling, inter alia, its resolutions 2588 B (XXIV) of 15 December 1969, 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, 2955 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, 2963 E (XXVII) of 13 December 1972, 3059 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 3070 (XVIII) of 30 November 1973, and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General,²⁵

Noting with satisfaction the assurances given by the Government of Portugal that it will fulfil its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and comply with United Nations resolutions relevant to the right of the peoples under Portuguese administration to self-determination and independence,

Indignant at the continued repression and the inhuman and degrading treatment inflicted on peoples still under colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation, especially on individuals detained or imprisoned as a result of their struggle for self-determination and independence,

Reaffirming that the independence of Southern Rhodesia should not be negotiated with the illegal régime but with the authentic and recognized representatives of the Rhodesian people,

Mindful of its responsibility to evolve all possible measures which will enable oppressed peoples to attain independence and self-determination and, in this regard, deploring the obstructive attitude of certain Member States,

Recognizing the imperative need to put an early end to colonial rule, foreign domination and alien subjugation,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of all peoples under colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation to self-determination, freedom and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

2. *Renews* its call to all States to recognize the right to self-determination and independence of all peoples subject to colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation and to offer them moral, material and other forms of assistance in their struggle to exercise fully their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

3. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the peoples' struggle for liberation from colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation by all available means, including armed struggle;

4. *Demands* full respect for the basic human rights of all individuals detained or imprisoned as a result of their struggle for self-determination and independence, and strict respect for article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights under which no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and their immediate release;

5. *Welcomes* the recognition by the Government of Portugal of the right of all the peoples under its colonial administration to self-determination and independence, and the initiatives already taken in this regard;

6. *Urges* the Government of Portugal to continue to ensure that the process of decolonization, which will enable peoples still under its colonial administration to achieve self-determination and independence, is accomplished without delay;

7. *Strongly condemns* all Governments which do not recognize the right to self-determination and independence of peoples under colonial and foreign domination and alien subjugation, notably the peoples of Africa and the Palestinian people;

8. *Further strongly condemns* the policies of those members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and those countries whose military, economic, sporting or political relations with the racist régimes of southern Africa and elsewhere encourage these régimes to persist in their suppression of the aspirations of peoples for self-determination and independence;

9. *Calls upon* those countries to reconsider their policies and to sever all links with the racist régimes of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia;

10. *Renews its appreciation* to Governments, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their efforts in extending various forms of assistance to peoples in dependent Territories and appeals to them to increase such assistance;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in working out measures for the provision of increased international assistance to the peoples of colonial Territories;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

2303rd plenary meeting
29 November 1974

3266 (XXIX). Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 3223 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and resolution 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,²⁶

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the fifth year of its activities,²⁷ submitted under article 9, para-

²⁶ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/9618).*

²⁵ A/9638 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2-5, A/9667 and Add.1.

graph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Noting with appreciation the interest of the Committee when performing its functions under the Convention and the direct involvement of its members in contributing, as appropriate, to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Mindful of the undertaking of States parties to the Convention to engage in no act or practice of racial discrimination against any person, groups of persons or national or ethnic minorities, and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation,

Noting the decisions adopted by the Committee at its ninth and tenth sessions,²⁸

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

2. *Takes note also* of the part of the report of the Committee concerning petitions and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies;²⁹

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee for the work it performs in pursuance of the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing participation of States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in submitting their reports to the Committee and by sending representatives to the Committee when it considers their reports;

5. *Calls upon* all States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to extend their fullest co-operation to the Committee, particularly in providing all necessary information in accordance with article 9 of the Convention and with requests by the Committee;

6. *Endorses* the Committee's decision to make its contribution, in the context of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the Programme for the Decade, to the total and unconditional elimination of racism and racial discrimination in accordance with the powers vested in it by the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, especially by concentrating its efforts, pursuant to articles 3, 9 and 15 of the Convention, on preparing recommendations with regard to the most flagrant and large-scale manifestations of racial discrimination, particularly in areas which are still under the domination of racist and colonial régimes and foreign occupation;

7. *Commends* the practice of the Committee, inaugurated in its adoption of general recommendation III,³⁰ of welcoming information from States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination regarding their respective implementation of the relevant resolutions of competent United Nations organs concerning relations with the racist régimes of southern Africa;

8. *Shares* the Committee's concern voiced in its decision 1 (X) of 22 August 1974,³¹ relating to the situation in the Golan Heights, in which the Syrian Arab Republic, party to the Convention, has been prevented from fulfilling its obligations under the Convention in part of its territory and, in this connexion, recalls that in section III of General Assembly resolution 2784 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 it endorsed the Committee's decision 4 (IV) of 30 August 1971;³²

9. *Calls upon* States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to observe fully the provisions of the Convention, and other international instruments and agreements to which they are parties concerning the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

10. *Makes an urgent appeal* to States which are not yet parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to ratify or accede to it and, pending such ratification or accession, to be guided by the basic provisions of the Convention in their internal and foreign policies.

2311th plenary meeting
10 December 1974

3267 (XXIX). Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3069 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights is currently seized with the task of elaborating a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and has established a Working Group for this purpose,³³

Noting also the intention of the Commission on Human Rights to give priority to the elaboration of the Declaration at its thirty-first session, to be held from 3 February to 7 March 1975,³⁴

Desirous that the elaboration of the Declaration be actively pursued,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights all the opinions expressed and suggestions put forward in the course of the discussion of this question at the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session a single draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" with a view to assessing

³¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/9618), chap. VII, sect. B.

³² *Ibid.*, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8418), chap. VII, sect. B.

³³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464)*, paras. 56-58.

³⁴ See Economic and Social Council decision 14 (LVI) of 17 May 1974.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. VII.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. V.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8718), chap. IX, sect. B, decision 1 (VI).