

(a) A study of the existing modes of co-ordination, co-operation and communication in the field of human rights within the United Nations system;

(b) Suggestions and proposals which the Commission might deem appropriate to make in this respect.

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### **33/98. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, to which is annexed the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and 32/10 of 7 November 1977 on the Decade,

*Noting* that, at the mid-term of the Programme for the Decade, the evils of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination, including the denial of the right to self-determination, continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere,

*Convinced* that the withdrawal of foreign investments and the termination of the activities of the transnational corporations in southern Africa will contribute significantly to achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme for the Decade,

1. *Condemns once again* the policies of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination which prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination;

2. *Urges* all States to continue to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Reaffirms* its strong support for oppressed peoples struggling to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, colonialism and alien domination;

4. *Calls once again upon* all the Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such enterprises;

5. *Urges once again* United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade, in particular by taking the measures specified in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 32/10;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to give the utmost publicity to the Programme for the Decade;

7. *Urges once again* all Governments and private organizations to make available adequate resources to enable the Secretary-General to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade and in support of the activities envisaged during the Decade;

8. *Decides* to continue to consider as a matter of high priority, at its thirty-fourth session, the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

*86th plenary meeting  
16 December 1978*

### **33/99. World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**

*The General Assembly,*

#### **I**

*Recalling* its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, in which it designated the ten-year period beginning on 10 December 1973 as the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and adopted the Programme for the Decade,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/129 of 16 December 1977, in which it decided to convene the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>42</sup> held at Geneva from 14 to 25 August 1978,

*Noting* that the Conference, by the adoption of the Declaration and the Programme of Action,<sup>43</sup> focused the attention of the international community on the problems of racism, racial discrimination, decolonization, foreign domination and *apartheid* and provided the international community with an opportunity to review and evaluate the activities undertaken during the first half of the Decade,

*Stressing* the importance of continuous action at all levels to eradicate the evils of racism, racial discrimination, colonial and alien domination and *apartheid*,

*Inspired* by the spirit of the thirtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Anti-Apartheid Year to redouble the efforts of the international community to eliminate all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Approves* the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference;

3. *Reaffirms* that all forms of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* are abhorrent to the conscience and dignity of mankind and must be eradicated by effective international action;

4. *Further reaffirms* the special responsibility of the United Nations and the international community for the victims of racial discrimination as well as for peoples subjected to colonial or alien domination;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate his report on the work of the Conference to States, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations with a

<sup>42</sup> A/33/262.

<sup>43</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, Geneva, 14-25 August 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.XIV.2), chap. II.

request to utilize their best endeavours in striving for the universal elimination of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to carry out an evaluation of the activities undertaken in connexion with the Decade, in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Programme for the Decade,<sup>44</sup> taking into account the results of the Conference set out in the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference;

## II

*Stressing* the importance of action at the international, regional and national levels for the effective elimination of racism and racial discrimination,

1. *Recommends* to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to co-operate in making concerted and determined efforts at the national, regional and international levels to combat racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*, in accordance with the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and in light of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Appeals* to all States to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade, *inter alia* by submitting their reports in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade;

3. *Further appeals* to all States:

(a) To deny all military, economic, political, diplomatic or other assistance to racist régimes which enables and encourages these régimes to enforce and perpetuate their racist policies;

(b) To ensure the fullest implementation of United Nations resolutions relevant to the complete eradication of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* in southern Africa;

4. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States, intergovernmental organizations, private institutions and non-governmental organizations to continue to render political and material assistance to the oppressed peoples of southern Africa and the liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;

5. *Calls upon* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to work for the speedy release of all political prisoners imprisoned by the racist régimes for their fight against *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination and for the right of their people to self-determination and independence;

## III

*Recognizing* the importance of concerted and co-ordinated action by the United Nations system to implement the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Bearing in mind* the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Commending* the steps already taken by various organs and bodies within the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, to implement the Programme for the Decade,

*Aware* of the need for further interagency co-ordination and co-operation within the United Nations system in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade,

*Reiterating* the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the goals and objectives of the Decade,

1. *Stresses* the urgent need for organizations within the United Nations system to continue to intensify their efforts to arouse world public opinion on a continuous basis against the evils of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to direct the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to continue to make every effort to generate publicity and disseminate information with a view to mobilizing public support for the goals and objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Further requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its efforts in the field of education and information, especially by organizing multi-media campaigns to combat racism and racial discrimination;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake during the year 1979 the following activities:

(a) The convening of a regional seminar on recourse procedures available to victims of racial discrimination and activities to be undertaken at the regional level;

(b) The convening of a round-table of university professors and directors of race relations institutions on the teaching of problems of racial discrimination;

(c) The undertaking of a study on education activities and activities of the mass media in the fight against racial discrimination;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in 1979 a report containing concrete and detailed suggestions on the following points:

(a) Specific activities which could be undertaken during the second half of the Decade, on a yearly basis, in order to implement fully the programme for the Decade;

(b) The drawing up of the agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, as regards the Decade, in a way that permits separate and detailed consideration of the various aspects of the Programme for the Decade;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider the report of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 5 above and to take the necessary decisions in order to enhance the implementation of the Programme for the Decade;

7. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in order to evaluate the activities of the Decade, to consider the possibility of setting up a working group to assist it in this task;

8. *Urges* United Nations organs and the specialized agencies to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade, in light of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World

<sup>44</sup> Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to organize an international colloquium on the prohibition of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination and the achievement of self-determination in international law, with special attention to the principles of non-discrimination and self-determination as imperative norms of international law;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and resources to ensure the effective implementation of the Programme for the Decade, bearing in mind the provisions of the present resolution;

11. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-fourth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

86th plenary meeting  
16 December 1978

### 33/100. Results of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 proclaiming the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to which is annexed the Programme for the Decade,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>45</sup> held at Geneva from 14 to 25 August 1978,

*Recalling* the importance of the attainment of the objectives of the Decade with a view to the strengthening of international peace and security,

*Taking into account* the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations whereby Member States undertake to take action separately and in co-operation with the United Nations to ensure respect for and universal observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Convinced* that the Conference, by the adoption of the Declaration and the Programme of Action,<sup>46</sup> has made a valuable and constructive contribution to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade,

*Resolved* to take all appropriate measures to bring about the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Inspired* by the spirit presiding over the observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Anti-Apartheid Year to redouble efforts to put an end to all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. *Endorses* the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference;

3. *Proclaims* that the elimination of all forms of racism and of prejudices and discrimination based on race is a matter of high priority for the international community and, accordingly, for the United Nations;

4. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations in the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations particularly concerned with action against racism and racial discrimination, to give priority to the full implementation of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure that the maximum publicity is given to the final documents of the Conference in view of the need to combat racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the following measures in accordance with the Programme of Action:

(a) To prepare several studies analysing the struggle against all forms of racial discrimination;

(b) To organize during the second half of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, at the level of each region of the United Nations, regional seminars on action against racism and racial discrimination;

(c) To study the possibility of establishing an international fund on the basis of voluntary contributions with a view to assisting peoples and national liberation movements in their struggle against racism and *apartheid*;

7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to carry out an evaluation of the activities undertaken in connexion with the Decade, in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Programme for the Decade, taking into account the results of the Conference set out in the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference.

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### 33/101. Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 3135 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974, 3381 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 31/79 of 13 December 1976 and 32/11 of 7 November 1977,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>47</sup> on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;<sup>48</sup>

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

<sup>45</sup> A/33/262.

<sup>46</sup> Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, Geneva, 14-25 August 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.XIV.2), chap. II.

<sup>47</sup> A/33/147 and Corr.1.

<sup>48</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.