

right of the people of Namibia to self-determination and independence within a united and integrated Namibia, including Walvis Bay, has been restored, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of the illegal occupation of Namibia by that régime;

10. *Calls upon* the colonial Powers to withdraw immediately and unconditionally their military bases and installations from colonial Territories and to refrain from establishing new ones;

11. *Urges* all States, directly and through their action in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to provide all moral and material assistance to the oppressed people of Namibia and, in respect of the other Territories, requests the administering Powers, in consultation with the Governments of the Territories under their administration, to take steps to enlist and make effective use of all possible assistance, on both a bilateral and a multilateral basis, in the strengthening of the economies of those Territories;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories that have not yet attained independence and, in particular:

(a) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

(b) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

(c) To continue to examine the compliance of Member States with the Declaration and with other relevant resolutions on decolonization, particularly those relating to Namibia;

(d) To continue to pay particular attention to the small Territories, including the sending of visiting missions to them, as appropriate, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination, freedom and independence;

(e) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations having a special interest in decolonization, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, particularly as concerns the oppressed people of Namibia;

13. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to continue to co-operate with the Special Committee in the discharge of its mandate and, in particular, to permit the access of visiting missions to the Territories to secure first-hand information and ascertain the wishes and aspirations of their inhabitants;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide or continue to provide to the newly independent and emerging States all possible assistance in the economic, social and other fields;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution, as well as of the various resolutions and decisions on decolonization

adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee.

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38/55. Dissemination of information on decolonization

The General Assembly:

Having examined the chapter 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 dissemination of information on decolonization and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization,⁹³

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations concerning the dissemination of information on decolonization, in particular General Assembly resolution 37/36 of 23 November 1982,

Reiterating the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the aims and purposes of the Declaration and mindful of the continuing pressing need to take all possible steps to acquaint world public opinion with all aspects of the problems of decolonization with a view to assisting effectively the peoples of the colonial Territories to achieve self-determination, freedom and independence,

Aware of the increasingly important role being played in the widespread dissemination of relevant information by a number of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization, and noting with satisfaction the intensified efforts of the Special Committee in enlisting the support of those organizations in that regard, including its decision to organize in Europe in 1984 a seminar on decolonization with the non-governmental organizations concerned,

1. *Approves* the chapter 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 dissemination of information on decolonization and publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization;

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of effecting the widest possible dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of colonialism, on the determined efforts of the colonial peoples to achieve self-determination, freedom and independence and on the assistance being provided by the international community towards 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, and, *inter alia*:

(a) To continue, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect, prepare and disseminate basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization and, in particular, to continue to publish the periodical *Objective: Justice* and other publications, special articles and studies, including the *Decolonization* series, and

⁹³ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

to select from them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages;

(b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(c) To intensify the activities of all United Nations information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe and the Americas;

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

(e) To enlist the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(f) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services in this regard;

(g) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations having a special interest in 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;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/56. International Year of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982, in which it declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General,⁹⁴ containing the draft programme of the International Year of Peace,⁹⁵

Taking into account the guidelines for international years and anniversaries adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

Recognizing that the International Year of Peace, which will be linked with the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, is especially important and will permit the United Nations and its Member States to concentrate their efforts towards promoting the ideals of peace, as evidence of their dedication to serve peace by all possible means,

Considering also that the preparations for the International Year of Peace must be carried through to ensure positive results in international co-operation for the promotion of peace during the Year,

1. *Endorses* the principal objectives of the International Year of Peace indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Invites* all States, all organizations within the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the International Year of Peace;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the programme of the International Year of

Peace and urges all States and interested organizations to contribute to that fund:

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to carry out during 1984-1985 the necessary preparations for the observance of the International Year of Peace, including the organization of regional seminars devoted to promoting the objectives of the Year;⁹⁶

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the draft programme of the International Year of Peace and on the arrangements for financing it;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "International Year of Peace".

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38/57. Thirty-five years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: international co-operation for the promotion and observance of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the continued significance and the validity of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁹⁷

Welcoming the progress made so far in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms since the proclamation of the Declaration,

Recalling that Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Acknowledging that, despite all the efforts made by the international community to promote and protect human rights, there is a need for constant vigilance by the international community in this field,

Recalling also the responsibility of the international community to remove the threat of war from the lives of people, to preserve civilization and to ensure that everyone enjoys the inherent right to life, liberty and security of person,

Underlining the importance of the teaching of human rights at all levels, particularly in primary and secondary schools,

1. *Stresses* the significance of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and expresses grave concern at mass and flagrant violations and all other violations of human rights which continue to take place in many parts of the world;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress made so far in the field of standard-setting on human rights since the proclamation of the Declaration and reaffirms its commitment to continue to strive for further progress in the field of the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Urges* all States to apply the Declaration resolutely, as well as seriously to consider ratifying or acceding to and observing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁹⁸ and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,⁹⁸ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁹⁹ and instruments relating to *apartheid*, and calls upon all States to ensure greater observance and

⁹⁴ A/38/413 and Add.1 and 2.

⁹⁵ A/38/413, annex I.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, annex V.

⁹⁷ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁹⁸ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹⁹ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.