

their internal and foreign policies by the basic provisions of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the fact that the Convention is being implemented in different economic, social and cultural conditions prevailing in individual States parties,

Mindful of the obligation of all States parties to comply fully with the provisions of the Convention,

Aware of the importance of the contribution of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Taking note of the decisions adopted and the recommendations made by the Committee at its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the work of its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions;

2. *Strongly condemns* the policy of *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia as a crime against humanity and urges all Member States to adopt effective political, economic and other measures in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies, in order to support the legitimate struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa and Namibia for their national liberation and human dignity, and to secure the elimination of the racist *apartheid* system;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report submitted to the Committee by the United Nations Council for Namibia³⁷ as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence and encourages the Council in its determined endeavours towards the elimination of *apartheid* from the Territory and the attainment of independence of the people of Namibia;

4. *Commends* the Committee for its continuous endeavours towards the elimination of *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia and of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, wherever it exists;

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Committee's decision to participate actively in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;³⁸

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of issuing as United Nations publications the two studies prepared by the Committee on articles 4³⁹ and 7⁴⁰ of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

7. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Committee aimed at the elimination of all forms of discrimination against national or ethnic minorities, persons belonging to such minorities and indigenous populations, wherever such discrimination exists, and the attainment of the full enjoyment of their human rights through the implementation of the principles and provisions of the Convention;

8. *Welcomes further* the efforts of the Committee aimed at the elimination of all forms of discrimination against migrant workers and their families, the promotion of their rights on a non-discriminatory basis and the achievement of their full equality, including the freedom to maintain their cultural characteristics;

9. *Calls upon* all Member States to adopt effective legislative, socio-economic and other necessary measures in order to ensure the prevention or elimination of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

10. *Further calls upon* States parties to the Convention to protect fully, by the adoption of the relevant legislative and other measures, in conformity with the Convention, the rights of national or ethnic minorities and persons belonging to such minorities, as well as the rights of indigenous populations;

11. *Commends* States parties to the Convention on measures taken to ensure, within their jurisdiction, the availability of appropriate recourse procedures for the victims of racial discrimination;

12. *Reiterates its invitation* to the States parties to the Convention to provide the Committee, in accordance with its general guidelines, with information on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention, including information on the demographic composition of their population and on their relations with the racist régime of South Africa;

13. *Calls upon* the United Nations bodies concerned to ensure that the Committee is supplied with all relevant information on all the Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies and urges again the administering Powers to co-operate with these bodies by providing all the necessary information in order to enable the Committee to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the Convention;

14. *Appeals* to the States parties to take fully into consideration their obligation under the Convention to submit their reports in due time;

15. *Takes note* of the decision of the Committee to hold its session in one of the African countries at the appropriate time⁴¹ and requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities and financial implications of holding that session within the context of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to inform the General Assembly and the Committee on his findings;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure wider publicity of the work of the Committee, which would facilitate its task to implement effectively its functions under the Convention.

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39/22. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979, 35/126 of 11 December 1980, 36/28 of 13 November 1981, 37/48 of 3 December 1982 and 38/22 of 22 November 1983,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and funda-

³⁷ CERD/C/101/Add.7.

³⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/39/18)*, para. 591.

³⁹ A/CONF.119/10.

⁴⁰ A/CONF.119/11.

⁴¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/39/18)*, para. 593.

mental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development.

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation-building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, against foreign domination and occupation, and for the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Bearing in mind that 1985 is the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations,

Emphasizing again that the United Nations should pay more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Convinced that the preparation for and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year with the motto "Participation, Development, Peace" will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major national, regional and international problems,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Recalling that the activities of the International Youth Year at the international level should be primarily supportive of activities undertaken relative to regional, national and local youth issues,

Recognizing the important role of United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and the regional commissions in promoting international co-operation in the field of youth and the necessity of strengthening their role in the effective implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,⁴²

Aware of the contribution which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is making to the promotion of international co-operation in the field of youth,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,

Also noting with satisfaction that many Governments have established national committees or other mechanisms to facilitate the planning, implementation and co-ordination of the activities related to the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year.

1. *Endorses* the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year contained in the report on its third session;⁴³

2. *Decides* to devote an appropriate number of plenary meetings at its fortieth session, in 1985, to policies and programmes relating to youth and to designate these meetings as the United Nations World Conference for the

International Youth Year which should take place in keeping with the procedures and practices of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all measures recommended by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year with a view to ensuring an appropriate observance of the International Youth Year within the United Nations system;

4. *Recommends* to all Member States that they should include youth representatives in their delegations to the fortieth session of the General Assembly;

5. *Decides* that the fourth session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year shall be convened, within existing resources, at Vienna, from 25 March to 3 April 1985 with a view to working out, on the basis of a draft prepared by the Secretary-General, guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth which will be transmitted for approval to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

6. *Stresses again* the importance of active and direct participation of youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels for the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year;

7. *Invites* all international governmental and non-governmental organizations that have planned specific activities devoted to the International Youth Year, as well as the organizers of international youth conferences and festivals in 1985, to be inspired, in the process of preparing and implementing those activities, by the motto of the International Youth Year: "Participation, Development, Peace" and by the provisions of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year endorsed by the General Assembly;

8. *Also invites* the organizers of international youth conferences and festivals in 1985 to inform the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Secretary-General, of the results of those activities and the documents adopted;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

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39/23. Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/29 of 13 November 1981, 37/49 of 3 December 1982 and 38/23 of 22 November 1983, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

Recalling also its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace.

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declara-

⁴² A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

⁴³ A/39/262, annex