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**48/89. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 41/103 of 4 December 1986, 42/56 of 30 November 1987, 43/97 of 8 December 1988, 44/69 of 8 December 1989, 45/90 of 14 December 1990, 46/84 of 16 December 1991 and 47/81 of 16 December 1992,

*Mindful* that the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid<sup>2</sup> constitutes an important international treaty in the field of human rights and serves to implement the ideals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>3</sup>

*Reaffirming its conviction* that apartheid is a crime against humanity and constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and a gross violation of human rights, seriously threatening international peace and security,

*Condemning* the abhorrent system of apartheid wherever it exists, as well as the repression it engenders,

*Convinced* that universal ratification of or accession to the Convention and the immediate implementation of its provisions will contribute to the eradication of the crime of apartheid,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>4</sup>

2. *Commends* those States parties to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid which have submitted their reports under article VII thereof;

3. *Appeals* to all States, United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and international and national non-governmental organizations to step up their activities to enhance public awareness by denouncing the crime of apartheid;

4. *Underlines* the importance of the universal ratification of the Convention, which would be an effective contribution to the fulfilment of the ideals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other human rights instruments;

5. *Appeals once again* to those States which have not yet done so to ratify or to accede to the Convention without further delay;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts, through appropriate channels, to disseminate information on the Convention and its implementation with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report under General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 a special section concerning the implementation of the Convention.

*84th plenary meeting  
20 December 1993*

**48/90. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>5</sup>

*Reiterating* the importance of the Convention, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations,

*Aware* of the importance of the contributions of the Committee to the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

*Reiterating once again* the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially its most brutal forms,

*Emphasizing* the obligation of all States parties to the Convention to take legislative, judicial and other measures in order to secure full implementation of the provisions of the Convention,

*Bearing in mind* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,<sup>6</sup> adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, in particular section II.B, relating to equality, dignity and tolerance,

*Calling upon* States parties expeditiously to notify the Secretary-General in writing of their agreement to the amendment<sup>7</sup> to the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee, as decided upon at the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination on 15 January 1992 and endorsed in General Assembly resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992,

*Welcoming* efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure interim financial arrangements for the financing of the expenses incurred by the Committee,

*Stressing* the importance of enabling the Committee to function smoothly and to have all necessary facilities for the effective performance of its functions under the Convention,