

these considerations into full account and to include them in an appropriate form in its report on the Decade.

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2587 (XXIV). Commission on the Status of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 48 (IV) of 29 March 1947, in which the functions of the Commission on the Status of Women are defined as follows:

(a) To prepare recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields,

(b) To make recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights with the object of implementing the principle that men and women shall have equal rights, and to develop proposals to give effect to such recommendations,

Recalling further its resolution 532 A (VI) of 4 February 1952, in which it resolved to request the Economic and Social Council to continue to convene the Commission on the Status of Women for one session each year and the Council's decision of 15 August 1964³² to continue to convene the Commission on an annual basis,

Appreciating the importance of resolution IX of the International Conference on Human Rights, adopted on 12 May 1968,³³ which lays down guidelines for the future work of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1133 (XLI) of 26 July 1966 on the unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women, in which the Secretary-General was requested to draw up a questionnaire on the role which women could play in the economic and social development of their countries,

Believing that the work of the Commission on the Status of Women has reached a decisive stage, particularly with respect to the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the preparation and implementation of a unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Believing further that the achievement of the Commission's aims demands a sustained effort at the present time, and more especially during the next few years,

Urges the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its decision of 8 August 1969³⁴ so that the Commission on the Status of Women may continue to meet

³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/3970)*, p. 35, "Review of the pattern of conferences and calendar of conferences and meetings for 1965", sub-para. (d).

³³ *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 10.

³⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-seventh Session, Resolutions (E/4735)*, p. 18, "Measures to improve the organization of the work of the Council", sub-para. (c).

annually, preferably three months after the General Assembly.

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2588 (XXIV). Implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights and the relevant resolutions thereon,

Recalling also its resolution 2442 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on the International Conference on Human Rights,

Noting the Secretary-General's reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights³⁵ and on measures and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights,³⁶

Convinced that the International Conference on Human Rights provided an impetus to positive action towards achieving the full realization of human rights and the elimination of violations and denials of those rights,

Noting with satisfaction the measures that have been taken and the progress that has been achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights by Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations genuinely concerned with human rights which have contributed to the observance of the International Year for Human Rights;

2. Further expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his effective co-ordination of the measures and activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights and for the informative reports which he has submitted thereon to the General Assembly;

3. Expresses the hope that the measures and activities undertaken on the occasion of the International Year for Human Rights by Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations genuinely concerned with human rights will be continued, developed and enlarged, and that the initiatives which have emerged from the observance of the International Year for Human Rights will serve as guidelines for action-oriented programmes designed to ensure that the work accomplished in 1968 shall be pursued;

4. Invites Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations concerned to continue to give effect, as appropriate, to the recommendations of the International Conference on Human Rights, bearing in mind the

³⁵ A/7661.

³⁶ A/7666 and Add.1 and 2.

importance of achieving full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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B

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution VIII of the International Conference on Human Rights of 11 May 1968, entitled "The 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",³⁷ in which the Conference, *inter alia*, condemned the racist régimes in southern Africa for their policies and defiance of the resolutions of the United Nations,

Further recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolutions relating to decolonization, especially in southern Africa,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles, including respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and particularly the right to self-determination,

Considering that the subjugation of peoples is a serious violation of the main objectives of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly relating to the occupation of territory, the granting of independence and the right to self-determination,

Concerned at the increasing conflict arising from the non-implementation of these resolutions,

Concerned also at the continued violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and the human rights and fundamental freedoms of their peoples,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of all peoples under colonial and foreign rule to liberation and self-determination;

2. *Confirms* the principles contained in resolution VIII of the International Conference on Human Rights, which supports the liberation movements in southern Africa and elsewhere in their legitimate struggle for freedom and independence;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments concerned to abide by the relevant resolutions of the United Nations relating to decolonization, territorial integrity and the right to self-determination;

4. *Notes* the efforts of the Security Council to implement these resolutions;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts 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, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and other organs of the United Nations to secure the implementation of these resolutions;

³⁷ *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 9.

6. *Appeals* to all States and organizations to provide appropriate assistance to peoples struggling for their freedom and independence;

7. *Decides* to review at its twenty-fifth session the progress in the implementation of resolution VIII of the International Conference on Human Rights and the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on the subject.

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2594 (XXIV). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees³⁸ and having heard his statement,³⁹

Noting with appreciation the results obtained by the High Commissioner in the accomplishment of his humanitarian task of international protection of refugees within his mandate,

Noting further the progress achieved in the search for permanent solutions to the problems of refugees who are the High Commissioner's concern, and the constant efforts being made by the High Commissioner, in co-operation with United Nations bodies and voluntary agencies, to promote the voluntary repatriation, the integration in countries of asylum or the resettlement in other countries of those refugees,

Recognizing the importance of the intermediary role of the High Commissioner in his relations with Governments and the constructive character of his humanitarian action,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing role of government financing of the High Commissioner's assistance programme owing to the growing number of contributing countries and to the substantial increase in certain contributions,

Expressing its appreciation of the adoption, under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity, of the Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa, on 10 September 1969, as well as of the accession of an increasing number of countries to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951⁴⁰ and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967,⁴¹ and expressing the hope that the present trend of increasing accessions to the Convention and the Protocol will continue,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to provide international protection and assistance to refugees who are his concern, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular those relating to the new groups of refugees in Africa, and with the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his efforts to achieve, by closer co-operation with the

³⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/7612) and Supplement No. 12A (A/7612/Add.1).*

³⁹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Third Committee, 1728th meeting.*

⁴⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189 (1954), No. 2545.
⁴¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Supplement No. 11A (A/6311/Rev.1/Add.1)*, part one, para. 2.