

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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### 2764 (XXVI). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa

#### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2627 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, strongly condemning the evil policy of *apartheid* as a crime against the conscience and dignity of mankind,

Further recalling its resolutions calling for the liberation of persons persecuted in South Africa for their opposition to *apartheid* and condemning the maltreatment and torture of prisoners and persons in police custody,

Taking note of the reports of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*<sup>1</sup> and the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on the treatment of political prisoners in South Africa, established under resolution 2 (XXIII) of the Commission on Human Rights of 6 March 1967,<sup>2</sup>

Gravely concerned at continuing reports of ill-treatment and torture of opponents of *apartheid* in detention in South Africa and at the deaths of several detainees during interrogation,

Noting also the recent deportations, bannings, detentions and trials of a number of religious leaders in South Africa for their opposition to *apartheid* and assistance to victims of that inhuman policy,

1. Expresses its grave indignation and concern over any and every act of maltreatment and torture of opponents of *apartheid* in South Africa and the increased persecution of religious leaders opposed to that policy;

2. Again calls upon all States to do everything in their power to promote the cause of justice for all people in South Africa and, to that end, to exert their influence to secure:

(a) The repeal of all legislation designed to give effect to the oppressive policies of *apartheid* and all legislation designed to persecute and suppress the rights of those who are opposed to such policies;

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1).

<sup>2</sup> E/CN.4/1050 and Corr.1.

(b) The liberation of all persons imprisoned or detained for their opposition to *apartheid*;

(c) The removal of orders against those banned or banished for their opposition to *apartheid*;

3. *Appeals* to national and international associations of jurists to take all appropriate steps in support of the purposes of the present resolution;

4. *Urges* all religious organizations to continue and intensify their efforts for the elimination of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to prepare a special report on all known cases of maltreatment and torture of prisoners in South Africa, together with any other information pertinent to those cases;

6. *Invites* all organizations and individuals that may have knowledge of such cases to provide all available information to the Special Committee on *Apartheid*;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring the present resolution to the attention of Governments, national and international organizations and anti-*apartheid* movements, including religious organizations and associations of jurists;

(b) To publicize, through the Unit on *Apartheid* and the Office of Public Information, all available information on the maltreatment and torture of prisoners and detainees in South Africa and the persecution of opponents of *apartheid*, including religious leaders;

(c) To provide necessary services and assistance to the Special Committee on *Apartheid* in the preparation of the report requested in paragraph 5 above and to publicize the report as widely as possible.

1981st plenary meeting,  
9 November 1971.

### 2773 (XXVI). Effects of atomic radiation

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions,

*Reaffirming* the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

*Concerned* about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

*Conscious* of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

*Noting* the intention of the Scientific Committee to include in its report to the General Assembly, at its twenty-seventh session, the subjects of genetic effects of radiation, induction of cancer by radiation, effects of radiation on the immune response, population doses from medical and occupational exposure and environmental radiation,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report adopted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at its twenty-first session;<sup>3</sup>

2. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels and effects of atomic radiation;

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/8334.*

3. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. *Notes* the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its twenty-second session in March 1972;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* for the valuable response to the Scientific Committee's request for data on releases of radio-activity into the environment from peaceful uses of nuclear energy and radio-isotopes;

6. *Draws attention* to the Scientific Committee's statement that further information of the same nature, if received before the end of the year, would be of great value in the preparation of its report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;<sup>4</sup>

7. *Welcomes* the continuing collaboration between the Scientific Committee and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned, which is essential to the Committee's work;

8. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for its contribution to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, takes note of the basic paper that on its behalf has been prepared for, and submitted to, the secretariat of the Conference,<sup>5</sup> and recommends that the relevant experience of the Committee should be fully utilized in the further preparations for the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and for the dissemination of its findings to the public.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

### 2774 (XXVI). United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2671 E (XXV) of 8 December 1970 concerning the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>6</sup> to which is annexed the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Conscious* of the continuing need for humanitarian assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, as well as in Namibia and Southern Rhodesia, and to their families,

*Concerned* at the actions of the South African Government in persecuting persons engaged in providing humanitarian assistance to victims of *apartheid*,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have contributed to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

2. *Again appeals* to all States, to governmental or non-governmental organizations and to individuals for generous contributions to the Trust Fund in order to enable it to meet the increasing needs;

3. *Further appeals* for generous direct contributions to voluntary organizations engaged in providing relief

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 4.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 6.

<sup>6</sup> A/8468.