

ment programme or in response to any other special demand;

5. *Requests*, accordingly, the Scientific Committee to meet before the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly and to report to the Assembly at that session, on the understanding that the Assembly will then decide, taking into account the recommendation of the Committee, on the convening of its subsequent session;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

7. *Notes and welcomes* the readiness of the Scientific Committee to play a role in the United Nations environment programme;

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

2064th plenary meeting  
17 October 1972

## 2923 (XXVII). Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa

### A

#### MALTREATMENT AND TORTURE OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2764 (XXVI) of 9 November 1971 concerning the maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in South Africa and the persecution of religious leaders opposed to that policy,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on Apartheid entitled "Maltreatment and torture of prisoners in South Africa",<sup>2</sup> submitted in pursuance of that resolution,

*Expressing grave concern* over any and every act of maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in South Africa, and over the deaths while in detention of a number of detainees,

1. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa immediately to put an end to all forms of physical and mental torture and other acts of terror against opponents of apartheid under detention or imprisonment and to punish the perpetrators of such criminal acts;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee on Apartheid to follow the situation and take appropriate steps to promote an international campaign for an end to repression, maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid under detention or imprisonment in South Africa;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To publicize the report of the Special Committee on Apartheid on maltreatment and torture of prisoners and detainees and all other available information concerning this matter;

(b) To transmit the report of the Special Committee to the Commission on Human Rights and to appropriate international non-governmental organizations.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

<sup>2</sup> A/8770.

### B

#### UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,<sup>3</sup> to which is annexed the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Recalling* that, in paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 311 (1972) of 4 February 1972, the Council urged Governments and individuals to contribute generously and regularly to the Trust Fund,

*Conscious* of the continuing and increasing needs 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,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees to promote contributions to the Trust Fund,

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, organizations and individuals for generous annual contributions to the Trust Fund and for direct contributions to the voluntary agencies concerned, in order to enable them to provide relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa to continue their efforts to obtain increased contributions from governmental and non-governmental sources to the Trust Fund.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

### C

#### PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID

*The General Assembly,*

*Commending* the work of the Special Committee on Apartheid in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2775 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Endorsing* the programme of work of the Special Committee on Apartheid contained in its report,<sup>4</sup>

*Requests and authorizes* the Special Committee on Apartheid, within the budgetary appropriation to be made for this purpose:

(a) To hold consultations with experts and representatives of the oppressed people of South Africa and African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, as well as anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against apartheid, in order to consider ways and means of intensifying international action against apartheid;

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/8822.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722), paras. 245-250.

(b) To send representatives or delegations, as appropriate, to national and international conferences dealing with the problem of *apartheid* and to the headquarters of specialized agencies and the Organization of African Unity;

(c) To take appropriate steps, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to ensure greater moral and material assistance to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa;

(d) To continue co-operation with other United Nations bodies concerned with *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism in southern Africa;

(e) To submit a special report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation by States of United Nations resolutions on *apartheid*.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

## D

### DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON *apartheid*

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2775 B and G (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> on the implementation of resolutions 2775 D, F and G (XXVI),

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Unit on *Apartheid* and the Office of Public Information in this respect,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>6</sup>

Considering that the dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of *apartheid* and on the international efforts for the eradication of *apartheid* should be intensified in co-operation with Governments, specialized agencies and appropriate regional and non-governmental organizations,

Desirous of increased co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in disseminating information on *apartheid*,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account paragraphs 220 to 228 of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to take steps to intensify the dissemination of information on *apartheid* and, in particular, to arrange for an increase in the circulation of publications and films and for additional translations into various languages;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for wider and more effective publicity by the Office of Public Information through all media, including films and broadcasts, on the evils of *apartheid* and the efforts of United Nations organs towards the eradication of *apartheid*;

3. Requests the specialized agencies concerned, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation, to co-operate closely with the Office of Public Information and the Unit on *Apartheid* in disseminating information on *apartheid*;

<sup>5</sup> A/8833.

<sup>6</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722) and Supplement No. 22A (A/8722/Add.1).

4. Requests the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation and publication of an educational kit on racial discrimination and *apartheid* in southern Africa;

5. Invites Governments and organizations to encourage information media to contribute to the campaign against *apartheid* by the widest dissemination of information on the evils of *apartheid* and on the international efforts towards the eradication of *apartheid*;

6. Requests States and public organizations to take appropriate steps to promote the establishment in countries where they do not exist of non-governmental organizations actively concerned with the campaign against *apartheid*;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

## E

### SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING FROM THE POLICIES OF *apartheid*

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the question of *apartheid*, in particular resolution 2775 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

Strongly convinced that the United Nations has a vital interest in securing the speedy elimination of *apartheid*,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*<sup>7</sup> and the relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>8</sup>

Gravely concerned about the explosive situation in South Africa and in southern Africa as a whole resulting from the inhuman and aggressive policies of *apartheid* pursued by the Government of South Africa, a situation which constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Noting that the Security Council decided, in its resolution 311 (1972) of 4 February 1972 adopted in Addis Ababa, to examine, as a matter of urgency, methods of resolving the present situation arising out of the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of the people of South Africa to self-determination and freedom,

Alarmed at the forcible removal of the African people from their rightful homes to the so-called Bantustans,

Further reaffirming that the practice of *apartheid* constitutes a crime against humanity,

1. Condemns the racist Government of South Africa for continuing and intensifying the implementation of its inhuman policy of *apartheid*, and subjecting the opponents of *apartheid* to ruthless repression, in violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, thereby creating a grave threat to the peace;

2. Condemns the establishment by the racist Government of South Africa of the so-called Bantustans and the forcible removal of the African people of South

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.; A/8770.

<sup>8</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8703), chap. XIV, sects. B.3 and B.4.

Africa to those areas as a violation of their inalienable rights, contrary to their inherent right to self-determination and prejudicial to the territorial integrity of the country and the unity of its people;

3. *Demands* that the Government of South Africa repeal all repressive laws, regulations and proclamations used to persecute persons opposed to the policies of *apartheid* and immediately release all those imprisoned, detained or restricted for their opposition to *apartheid*;

4. *Further condemns* the South African régime for its progressive exportation of the policy of *apartheid* into neighbouring African Territories, especially Namibia which it continues to occupy illegally in defiance of the United Nations;

5. *Condemns* the continued and increasing co-operation of certain States and foreign economic interests with South Africa in the military, economic, political and other fields, as such co-operation encourages the South African régime in the pursuit of *apartheid* in defiance of the United Nations;

6. *Again calls upon* all Governments to implement fully the arms embargo against South Africa, without any exceptions or reservations;

7. *Reaffirms* its conviction that economic and other sanctions, instituted under Chapter VII of the Charter and universally applied, constitute one of the essential means of achieving a peaceful solution of the grave situation in South Africa;

8. *Requests* the Security Council to consider urgently the situation in South Africa with a view to adopting such effective measures under Chapter VII of the Charter;

9. *Firmly supports* the efforts of all those engaged in the struggle inside South Africa against *apartheid* and its evil consequences;

10. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa to eradicate *apartheid* and racial discrimination by all available means and to attain in the country as a whole majority rule based on universal suffrage;

11. *Appeals* to Governments, specialized agencies, national and international organizations and individuals to provide greater assistance, directly or through the Organization of African Unity, to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa;

12. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to discontinue all collaboration with the Government of South Africa until it renounces its policies of *apartheid* in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

13. *Requests* States members of international agencies and organizations, particularly the members of the European Economic Community, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the International Monetary Fund, to take the necessary steps to deny all assistance and commercial or other facilities to the Government of South Africa so long as it pursues its policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and continues to defy the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

14. *Requests* all States to take appropriate steps, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2775 D (XXVI), to uphold the Olympic principle of non-discrimination in sports and to withhold any support

from sporting events organized in violation of this principle, particularly with the participation of racially selected teams from South Africa;

15. *Commends* the activities of anti-*apartheid* movements, trade unions, student organizations, churches and other groups which have promoted national and international action against *apartheid*;

16. *Invites* all organizations, institutions and information media to organize in 1973, in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations, intensified and co-ordinated campaigns with the following goals:

(a) Discontinuance of all military, economic and political collaboration with South Africa;

(b) Cessation of all activities by foreign economic interests which encourage the South African régime in its imposition of *apartheid*;

(c) Condemnation of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners and detainees in South Africa;

(d) Discouragement of emigration to South Africa, especially of skilled workers;

(e) Boycott of South Africa in sports and in cultural and other activities;

(f) World-wide collection of contributions for assistance to the victims of *apartheid* and support to the movement of the oppressed people of South Africa for freedom;

17. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to arrange, in consultation with the Secretary-General, for the preparation and widest dissemination of expert studies to counteract the propaganda by foreign economic and financial interests against resolutions of the United Nations and in favour of economic collaboration with the South African régime and racist institutions in South Africa;

18. *Further requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to take steps to publicize all available information on collaboration by States and foreign economic and financial interests with the South African régime and South African companies;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

## F

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TRADE UNIONS AGAINST *Apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2671 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2775 H (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>9</sup>

*Gravely concerned* over the infringements of trade union rights in South Africa, especially the denial of those rights to African workers,

*Strongly convinced* of the need to promote concerted action by the trade union movement at the national and international levels against *apartheid*,

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722), Supplement No. 22A (A/8722/Add.1) and Supplement No. 22B (A/8722/Add.2).

Noting with appreciation the readiness of the International Labour Organisation to provide conference services for the meetings of the proposed International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* and the Preparatory Committee for the Conference,

1. *Again appeals* to all national and international trade union organizations to intensify their action against *apartheid*;

2. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Workers' Group at the International Labour Conference to convene at Geneva, in 1973, an international conference of trade unions to work out a common programme of action against *apartheid*;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the constructive attitude of the main international trade union organizations in regard to the convening of the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid*;

4. *Commends* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* for its efforts in helping to promote action by the workers of the world against *apartheid*;

5. *Requests and authorizes* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to participate effectively in the proposed International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* and in the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide appropriate assistance to facilitate the holding of the Conference;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to reimburse the costs necessary to enable up to five representatives of trade union organizations from southern Africa to participate in the Conference, as shall be decided by the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, on the proposal of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to submit a special report to the General Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, on the results of the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* and on other related developments concerning workers' action against *apartheid*.

2108th plenary meeting  
13 December 1972

## 2963 (XXVII). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2792 A (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and all previous resolutions referred to therein, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

*Taking note* of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1972,<sup>10</sup>

*Taking note also* of the appeal made by the Secretary-General on 20 March 1972,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Notes with deep regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III)

has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed by the Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952 for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the Commissioner-General and to the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for their continued faithful efforts to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, and to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. *Notes with regret* that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine was unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation thereof and to report thereon as appropriate, but no later than 1 October 1973;

4. *Directs attention* to the continuing critical financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as outlined in the Commissioner-General's report;

5. *Notes with concern* that, despite the commendable and successful efforts of the Commissioner-General to collect additional contributions to help relieve the serious budget deficit of the past year, contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continue to fall short of the funds needed to cover essential budget requirements;

6. *Calls upon* all Governments as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, particularly in the light of the budgetary deficit projected in the Commissioner-General's report, and therefore urges non-contributing Governments to contribute and contributing Governments to consider increasing their contributions.

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### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2252 (ES-V) of 4 July 1967, 2341 B (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2452 C (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2535 C (XXIV) of 10 December 1969, 2672 B (XXV) of 8 December 1970 and 2792 B (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

*Taking note* of the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1972,<sup>12</sup>

*Taking note also* of the appeal made by the Secretary-General on 20 March 1972,<sup>13</sup>

*Concerned* about the continued human suffering resulting from the June 1967 hostilities in the Middle East,

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8713 and Corr.1 and 2).*

<sup>11</sup> A/8672.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13 (A/8713 and Corr.1 and 2).

<sup>11</sup> A/8672.