

3. *Recommends* that the Commission on Human Rights should consider the question of the exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking at its next session, as provided in Economic and Social Council resolution 1706 (LIII), as a matter of priority;

4. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation to continue the studies it has begun on illicit trafficking in foreign labour, which is a form of exploitation, and to strengthen international machinery for the protection of migrant workers;

5. *Urges* the Governments which have not yet done so to give high priority to the ratification of the Convention of the International Labour Organisation concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949), in the context of their efforts to eliminate illicit trafficking in foreign labour.

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2921 (XXVII). Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the third year of its activities,⁵ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁶

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Urgently requests* all States which are not yet parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to ratify or accede to the Convention, if possible by 10 December 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption of the new procedure for the consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention, which includes an invitation to States parties to be present at, and take part in, the Committee's discussions when their reports are under consideration, as suggested in paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 2783 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971.

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2922 (XXVII). Draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2786 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

Reaffirming its firm conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity,

Recognizing the urgent need to take further effective measures with a view to the suppression and punishment of *apartheid*,

⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8718).

⁶ Resolution 2106 A (XX).

Reaffirming again that the conclusion of an international convention on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid* would be an important contribution to the struggle against *apartheid*, racism, economic exploitation, colonial domination and foreign occupation,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made in order to elaborate an international document on the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and to States the revised draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*⁷ and the amendments thereto⁸ for their comments and views;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-ninth session to consider as a priority item the revised draft Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* and the amendments thereto, and to submit the results of its consideration thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

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2955 (XXVII). 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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "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",

Recalling resolution 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, in which the General Assembly urged the Security Council as well as States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies to take effective steps to ensure the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of all peoples under colonial and alien domination to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and with Assembly resolutions 2649 (XXV) of 30 November 1970 and 2787 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971,

Disturbed at the continued reluctance of the colonial and racist Powers, such as Portugal and South Africa, to recognize and to apply the right to self-determination and independence for the peoples of the Territories under their control,

Deeply concerned at the negative attitude of certain Member States to the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General

⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/8880, para. 42.

⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 43.

Assembly on decolonization, racism and self-determination,

Strongly deploring the intensification of armed repression and wanton slaughter of peoples under colonial and alien domination and acts of aggression committed by colonialists and alien forces against a number of sovereign States and peoples struggling for their self-determination, which obstruct the full enjoyment of human rights,

Noting the urgent need, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, for providing maximum material, humanitarian and moral assistance to the peoples of the liberated areas, colonial territories and territories under alien subjugation,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of all peoples, notably of those mentioned in General Assembly resolution 2787 (XXVI), to self-determination, freedom and independence, as well as the legitimacy of their struggle for liberation from colonial and alien domination and foreign subjugation by all available means consistent with the Charter and the resolutions of the United Nations;

2. *Strongly condemns* all those Governments, particularly the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, which persistently refuse to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other pertinent resolutions;

3. *Strongly condemns* the policies of those States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other Powers which assist Portugal and other racist régimes in Africa and elsewhere in their suppression of peoples' aspirations for, and enjoyment of, human rights;

4. *Decides* to examine concrete ways and means of extending maximum humanitarian and material assistance to the peoples of the liberated areas, colonial territories and territories under alien subjugation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, indicating the present scope and nature of assistance being provided to colonial countries and peoples, as well as those in the liberated areas, from relevant existing voluntary funds and other forms of assistance by relevant organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, regional intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations after consultation with the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, in order to assist in the examination of areas and of ways and means of further promoting humanitarian and material assistance, account being taken of the need for co-ordination;

6. *Invites* the aforementioned organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of paragraph 5 above.

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2956 (XXVII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees concerning his current activities⁹ and having heard his statement,¹⁰

Commending the results obtained by the High Commissioner in the accomplishment of his humanitarian task of providing international protection to refugees within his mandate and promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with appreciation the manner in which the High Commissioner has, at the request of the Secretary-General and in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, co-ordinated, or participated in, essential humanitarian actions undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system,

Recognizing the importance of voluntary repatriation as a permanent solution to the refugee problem and the useful role that United Nations bodies and non-governmental agencies have been playing in facilitating the rehabilitation of groups of refugees who have voluntarily returned to their countries of origin,

Considering the increasing and fruitful co-operation between the High Commissioner and other members of the United Nations system in the field of rural settlement, education and training of refugees, particularly in Africa, which results in better co-ordination of action and greater efficiency,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing number of Governments contributing to the High Commissioner's assistance programme and the substantial increase in some of those contributions,

Commending the growing number of accessions to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951¹¹ and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967,¹²

1. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* at the efficient manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff continue to accomplish their humanitarian task;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to participate, at the invitation of the Secretary-General, in those humanitarian endeavours of the United Nations for which his Office has particular expertise and experience;

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to pursue his efforts, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and voluntary agencies, to promote permanent and speedy solutions to the problems of refugees who are his concern through voluntary repatriation, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to provide international protection and assistance to refugees who are his concern, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;

5. *Urges* Governments to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian action by:

(a) Facilitating his efforts in the field of international protection;

⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712) and Supplement No. 12A (A/8712/Add.1).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1954th meeting.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 137.

¹² *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.