

Unity in the relevant work of the United Nations bodies concerned, including in particular the positive role played by the Administrative Secretary-General and the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity;

3. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to find African solutions to some of the issues of vital importance to the international community;

4. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa, and, in this connexion, draws attention to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

6. *Draws once again the attention* of United Nations bodies, in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee against *Apartheid*, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the United Nations Council for Namibia, to the continued need to take effective measures to associate closely the Organization of African Unity regularly with all their work concerning Africa;

7. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and intensify their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

*67th plenary meeting  
16 November 1976*

### **31/16. Credentials of representatives to the thirty-first session of the General Assembly**

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*The General Assembly*

*Approves* the first report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>35</sup>

*76th plenary meeting  
23 November 1976*

<sup>35</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/31/308.*

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*The General Assembly*

*Approves* the second report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>36</sup>

*105th plenary meeting  
20 December 1976*

### **31/20. Question of Palestine**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,<sup>37</sup>

*Deeply concerned* that no just solution to the problem of Palestine has been achieved and that this problem therefore continues to aggravate the Middle East conflict, of which it is the core, and to endanger international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* that a just and lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be established without the achievement, *inter alia*, of a just solution of the problem of Palestine on the basis of the attainment of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of return and the right to national independence and sovereignty in Palestine, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee and endorses the recommendations contained therein, as a basis for the solution of the question of Palestine;

3. *Decides* to circulate the report to all the competent bodies of the United Nations and urges them to take necessary action, as appropriate, in accordance with the Committee's programme of implementation;

4. *Urges* the Security Council to consider once again as soon as possible the recommendations contained in the report, taking fully into account the observations made thereon during the debate in the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, in order to take the necessary measures to implement the above-mentioned recommendations of the Committee so as to achieve early progress towards a solution of the problem of Palestine and the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

5. *Authorizes* the Committee to exert all efforts to promote the implementation of its recommendations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

6. *Requests* the Committee to promote the greatest possible dissemination of information on its programme of implementation through non-governmental organizations and other appropriate means;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the widest possible publicity to the Committee's work and to

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/31/308/Add.1.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 35 (A/31/35).*

provide the Committee with all the necessary facilities for the performance of its tasks, including summary records of its meetings;

8. *Decides* to include the item entitled "Question of Palestine" in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session.

*77th plenary meeting  
24 November 1976*

### 31/21. Admission of new Members to the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the special report of the Security Council to the General Assembly,<sup>38</sup>

*Taking note* of the letter of 18 November 1976 from the Permanent Observer of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly,<sup>39</sup>

*Convinced* of the ability and willingness of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to carry out the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reiterating* its conviction that the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam is fully qualified for membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter,

*Recalling* that resolution 3366 (XXX) of 19 September 1975, in which the General Assembly requested the Security Council to reconsider immediately and favourably the application of Viet Nam, was adopted by 123 votes in favour and none against,

*Noting* that in the general debate of the current session of the General Assembly the admission of Viet Nam to membership in the United Nations received the unequivocal and widespread support of the Members of the Organization,

*Expressing deep regret and concern* that, on 15 November 1976,<sup>40</sup> one negative vote by a permanent member of the Security Council prevented the adoption of the draft resolution supported by fourteen members of the Council recommending the admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to membership in the United Nations,

1. *Considers* that the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam should be admitted to membership in the United Nations;

2. *Accordingly recommends* that the Security Council should reconsider the matter favourably in strict conformity with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*80th plenary meeting  
26 November 1976*

### 31/44. Admission of the People's Republic of Angola to membership in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 22 November 1976 that the People's Re-

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 26, document A/31/330.

<sup>39</sup> A/31/349.

<sup>40</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, 1972nd meeting*.

public of Angola should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>41</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the People's Republic of Angola,<sup>42</sup>

*Decides* to admit the People's Republic of Angola to membership in the United Nations.

*84th plenary meeting  
1 December 1976*

### 31/60. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Acting* in accordance with the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 400 (1976) of 7 December 1976,<sup>43</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* for the effective and dedicated service rendered to the United Nations by Mr. Kurt Waldheim during his first term of office,

*Appoints* Mr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General of the United Nations for a second term of office beginning on 1 January 1977 and ending on 31 December 1981.

*93rd plenary meeting  
8 December 1976*

### 31/61. The situation in the Middle East

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3414 (XXX) of 5 December 1975 and noting with concern that no progress has been achieved towards the implementation of that resolution, in particular its paragraph 4,

*Recalling* the debate held in the Security Council in January 1976<sup>44</sup> on the Middle East problem including the Palestinian question, in implementation of subparagraph (a) of Council resolution 381 (1975) of 30 November 1975,

*Deeply concerned* at the increasing deterioration of the situation in the Middle East due to continued Israeli occupation and Israel's refusal to implement United Nations resolutions,

*Reaffirming* the necessity of establishing a just and lasting peace in the region based on full respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as for the resolutions concerning the problem of the Middle East and the question of Palestine,

1. *Affirms* that the early resumption of the Peace Conference on the Middle East with the participation of all the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3375 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, is essential for the realization of a just and lasting settlement in the region;

<sup>41</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 26, document A/31/340.

<sup>42</sup> A/31/85-S/12064. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1976*.

<sup>43</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document A/31/393.

<sup>44</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, 1870th to 1879th meetings*.