

3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 and 3391 (XXX) of 19 November 1975,

*Taking note* of resolutions 17 and 24 adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,<sup>19</sup>

*Convinced* that the promotion of national culture enhances a people's ability to understand the culture and civilization of other peoples and thus has a most favourable impact on international co-operation,

*Convinced also* that the protection by all means of national culture and heritage is an integral part of the process of preservation and future development of cultural values,

1. *Invites* all Member States to sign and ratify the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,<sup>20</sup> adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 November 1970;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States to take all necessary steps to prevent, on their territories, any illicit traffic in works of art coming from any other country, especially from territories which were or are under colonial or foreign domination and occupation;

3. *Affirms* that the restitution to a country of its *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, manuscripts, documents and any other cultural or artistic treasures constitutes a step forward towards the strengthening of international co-operation and the preservation and future development of cultural values.

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### 31/41. Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

*Referring* to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>21</sup> in particular to article 15, which reaffirms the right of everyone to participate in the preservation and development of culture,

*Conscious* of the need for agreement on a system of values based on justice, equality, freedom and fellowship and on the recognition of the unity of mankind with all its diverse peoples, races and cultures,

*Convinced* that contacts and exchanges between different cultures on the basis of the equality and the sovereignty of States can make a genuine contribution to the enrichment of cultural values on a national, regional and world-wide scale,

*Conscious* that the recognition of cultural identity as an integral part of the mobilization of society is an essential factor in the achievement and preservation of independence, national sovereignty and development,

*Convinced* that the forthcoming Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture will contribute

<sup>19</sup> See A/31/197, annex IV.

<sup>20</sup> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Sixteenth Session*, vol. I, *Resolutions*, pp. 135-141.

<sup>21</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

immensely to the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

1. *Commends* the efforts made thus far by the international community, including international organizations and the International Festival Committee, in the preparations for the Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by Nigeria in its capacity as host country for the Festival;

3. *Appeals* to all interested and concerned countries to make all possible efforts at the national and international levels towards ensuring the success of the Festival.

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### 31/77. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, in which it reaffirmed its resolve to achieve the total and unconditional elimination of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Reaffirming* that the policies of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* are flagrant violations of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitute serious violations of the obligations of Member States under the Charter,

*Bearing in mind* the vital importance of establishing a new international economic order based on justice and equality,

*Noting* that the realization of the national independence of the People's Republic of Angola and the courageous action of the People's Republic of Mozambique in applying fully the United Nations system of sanctions against the racist régime in Southern Rhodesia have contributed to the growing isolation of the racist régime in South Africa,

*Realizing* the serious threat to international peace and security resulting from the continued defiance by the racist régimes in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia of the resolutions and the will of the international community in relation to the abhorrent policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination, the continued illegal occupation of Namibia and the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination,

*Convinced* that the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination<sup>22</sup> is a major undertaking in the fight against racial discrimination which deserves the full support of all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. *Condemns* the intolerable conditions which continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination and the inhumane and odious application of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

2. *Reaffirms* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of oppressed peoples to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, colonialism and alien domination;

<sup>22</sup> Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.