

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 1976,¹⁹

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,²⁰ 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.

83rd plenary meeting
30 November 1976

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,²¹ 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

¹⁹ See A/31/197, annex IV.

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

²¹ 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.

83rd plenary meeting
30 November 1976

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 Discrimination²² 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;

²² Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

3. *Calls upon* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to offer all possible assistance to the People's Republic of Angola, the People's Republic of Mozambique and the African countries surrounding the racist régimes in southern Africa, so that they may continue to apply fully the sanctions against these régimes;

4. *Urges* all States to co-operate loyally and fully in achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by taking actions and measures called for by the Programme for the Decade at the national, regional and international levels and, in particular:

(a) To ensure the immediate termination of all measures and policies, as well as military, nuclear, economic and other activities, which enable racist régimes in southern Africa to continue the repression of the African people;

(b) To provide full support and assistance, morally and materially, to the peoples which are victims of *apartheid* and racial discrimination and to the liberation movements;

(c) To cease emigration to South Africa;

(d) To ensure the release of political prisoners in South Africa and of those subjected to restrictions for their opposition to *apartheid*;

(e) To formulate and execute plans to realize the policy measures and goals contained in the Programme for the Decade, and to consider the advisability of establishing national arrangements to follow up the implementation of the Programme;

(f) To review internal laws and regulations with a view to identifying and rescinding those which provide for, give rise to, or inspire racial discrimination or *apartheid*;

(g) To ensure the cessation of all discriminatory measures against migrant workers and extend to them treatment equal to that provided for nationals of the host country with regard to human rights and the provisions of their labour legislation;

(h) To sign and ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,²³ the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*²⁴ and all other relevant instruments;

5. *Also urges* Member States which are parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention and, in particular, to submit their reports in accordance with the time-table laid down in article 9 thereof;

6. *Further urges* United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure the continuation of their activities related to the Decade with emphasis on, *inter alia*:

(a) Providing moral and material support to the national liberation movements and the victims of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

(b) Assisting and conducting vigorous educational and information campaigns to dispel racial prejudice and to involve public opinion in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination;

(c) Examining the socio-economic and colonial roots of racism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination with a view to eliminating them;

7. *Appeals* to Member States which have not yet done so to forward the reports called for under paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade;

8. *Welcomes* any contributions and suggestions related to the Programme for the Decade by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 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, the Commission on Human Rights, its *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts and its Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, especially with regard to the preparations for the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw on the expertise of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities while undertaking the relevant activities of the Decade;

10. *Reiterates* the call in paragraph 18 (g) of the Programme for the Decade to make adequate resources available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme;

11. *Appeals* to Governments and private organizations to make voluntary contributions which would make it possible to carry out all of the activities provided for in the Programme for the Decade;

12. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-second session, as a matter of high priority, the question entitled "Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

97th plenary meeting
13 December 1976

31/78. World Conference 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*,

Recalling also its resolution 3378 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990 (LX) of 11 May 1976,

Having considered the request of the Government of Ghana that the United Nations defray half of the additional cost involved in holding the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination at Accra, and the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in this regard,

Recognizing that Ghana is one of the countries most seriously affected by the current world economic crisis and that, despite this, the Government of Ghana is making a substantial financial contribution towards the Conference,

1. *Welcomes again with appreciation* the offer of the Government of Ghana to act as host to the World

²³ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

²⁴ Resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.