

Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and takes note of the measures contemplated by that Government aimed at ensuring the success of the Conference;

2. *Decides*, in conformity with paragraph 13 of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,²⁵ to convene the Conference in Ghana in order to mobilize world public opinion and adopt measures likely to secure the full and universal implementation of United Nations decisions and resolutions on racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, decolonization and self-determination;

3. *Decides* to make exception to its resolution 2609 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 on the pattern of conferences and agrees that half of the additional cost involved in holding the Conference in Ghana shall be defrayed from the regular budget of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain his contacts with the Government of Ghana concerning future arrangements for holding the Conference at Accra;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled "World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

97th plenary meeting
13 December 1976

31/79. Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 3135 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 and 3381 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General²⁶ on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;²⁷

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

3. *Reaffirms once again* its conviction that ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. *Appeals* to States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. *Appeals* to States parties to the Convention to study the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the General Assembly annual reports concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance

with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

97th plenary meeting
13 December 1976

31/80. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973, by which it adopted and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*, and its resolution 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

Expressing its appreciation to those States which have become parties to the Convention,

Convinced that ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the achievement of the goals of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Reiterating 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 seriously disturbing international peace and security,

Underlining Security Council resolution 392 (1976) of 19 June 1976, in which the Council condemned the Government of South Africa for its resort to massive violence against and killings of the African people, including schoolchildren and students and others opposing racial discrimination,

Noting that the legitimate struggle of the oppressed African peoples against *apartheid* demands all necessary assistance by the international community,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*;²⁸

2. *Welcomes* the entry into force on 18 July 1976 of the above-mentioned Convention;

3. *Appeals* to all States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to accede thereto;

4. *Invites* the Chairman of the thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a group consisting of three members of the Commission as provided for by article IX of the Convention;

5. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to undertake the functions set out in article X of the Convention, in particular to prepare a list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States which are alleged to be responsible for the crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report under General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX) a special part concerning the implementation of the Convention;

7. *Decides* to consider annually, starting with its thirty-second session, the question entitled "Status of

²⁸ A/31/209.

²⁵ Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

²⁶ A/31/201.

²⁷ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.