

Convinced further that the participation of youth representatives from Member States in international conferences and meetings dealing with youth-related issues can enhance and strengthen the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to finding solutions to problems confronting youth in the contemporary world,

1. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental and inter-governmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, not only in general terms but also by concrete measures reflecting the issues of importance to young people;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to make use of, further improve and, if possible, extend the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations;

3. *Calls upon* national youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and interregional levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and, where such mechanisms do not exist, recommends that national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year should continue to act as channels of communication;

4. *Takes note* of the recommendations on the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;⁵

5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-first session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth", on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General.

80th plenary meeting
18 November 1985

40/22. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its objective contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reaffirming its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹¹ the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*¹² and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960,¹³

Recalling also its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, on the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, on the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling further the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983, respectively,

Taking note once again of the Report of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,¹⁴

Convinced that the Second World Conference represented a positive contribution by the international community towards attaining the objectives of the Decade, through its adoption of a Declaration and an operational Programme of Action¹⁵ for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Noting with concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination were not attained and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Recalling its resolution 39/16 of 23 November 1984,

Emphasizing the necessity of attaining the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Convinced of the need to take more effective and sustained international measures for the elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination and the total eradication of *apartheid* in South Africa,

1. *Resolves once again* that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, particularly in their institutionalized form, such as *apartheid*, or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;

2. *Appeals* to the international community, in general, and the United Nations, in particular, to continue to give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*, and to intensify its own efforts, during the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to provide assistance and relief to the victims of racism and all forms of racial discrimination and *apartheid*, especially in South Africa and Namibia and in occupied territories and territories under alien domination;

3. *Appeals* to all Governments and to international and non-governmental organizations to increase and intensify their activities to combat racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* and to provide relief and assistance to the victims of these evils;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination so as to enable the Secretary-General to implement the various programme elements outlined in his report on the plan of activities for 1985-1989;¹⁶

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the reports of the Secretary-General containing information on the activities of Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as United Nations organs, to give effect to the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;¹⁷

6. *Acknowledges* the progress made in preparing the study on the effects of racial discrimination in the field of

¹¹ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

¹² Resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

¹³ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions*, p. 119.

¹⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.4 and corrigendum.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

¹⁶ A/39/167-E/1984/33 and Add.1 and 2.

¹⁷ A/40/416 and E/1985/16 and Add.1.

education, training and employment as it affects the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers,¹⁸ authorizes the Secretary-General to solicit relevant information and views from Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and requests him to submit the final study to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

7. *Congratulates* the Secretary-General on the organization of the Round Table on International Legal Issues relating to *Apartheid*, Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at The Hague from 4 to 6 September 1985;

8. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the convening of the Seminar on Community Relations Commissions and Their Functions, held at Geneva from 9 to 20 September 1985, and invites the Secretary-General to disseminate the report of the Seminar widely;

9. *Reiterates its invitation* to the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of the activities outlined in his report on the plan of activities for 1985-1989 and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session the study on the role of private group action to combat racism and racial discrimination and to the Assembly at its forty-third session the global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and issue as soon as possible a collection of model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to organize in New York in 1987 a training course for legislative draftsmen with the aim of focusing on the preparation of national legislation against racism and racial discrimination;

12. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and educational activities on human rights and against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education;

13. *Requests* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights to consider the possible need for updating the study on racial discrimination;¹⁹

14. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to organize in 1988 a global consultation on racial discrimination involving representatives of the United Nations system, regional intergovernmental organizations and interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to focus on the co-ordination of international activities to combat racism and racial discrimination;

15. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council decision 1985/141 of 30 May 1985, by which the Council authorized the organization in 1986 in Africa of a seminar on international assistance and support to peoples and movements struggling against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*, and requests that the report thereon be made available to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

16. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

17. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, during the period of the Second Decade, to submit an annual report to the General Assembly, containing, *inter alia*:

(a) An enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations;

(b) A review and appraisal of those activities;

(c) Its suggestions and recommendations;

18. *Decides* that the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" should be on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and should be considered as a matter of the highest priority at its forty-first session.

96th plenary meeting
29 November 1985

40/23. **National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress**

The General Assembly,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,²⁰

Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,²¹ as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,²²

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

Recalling its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/38 of 30 November 1976, 36/19 of 9 November 1981 and 38/25 of 22 November 1983, in which it reaffirmed the importance for every State to exercise its inalienable right to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, military, political and economic intervention and pressure, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination, as well as all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States, as well as effective measures in the field of disarmament, create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing countries,

Considering that the exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁸

¹⁸ A/40/694 and Add.1.

¹⁹ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.XIV.2.

²⁰ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

²¹ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

²² Resolution 3281 (XXIX).