

of Women in the Secretariat,<sup>53</sup> the appointment of a senior-level woman to the position designated as a focal point to ensure the implementation of the action programme for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the action programme for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat and that such information be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-third session for comment.

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#### 43/104. Participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the interrelationship of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace,

*Expressing the need* for equal opportunity for participation by women in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament and security at national, regional and international levels, including the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation,

*Recalling* that the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, in adopting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women<sup>40</sup> for the period up to the year 2000, emphasized that the main principles and directions formulated in the Declaration for women's activities aimed at strengthening peace should be put into practice,

*Convinced* that increased efforts are required to eliminate still existing forms of discrimination against women in every field of human endeavour,

*Conscious* of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

1. *Pledges its determination* to encourage the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, civil and political affairs of society and in the endeavour to promote international peace and co-operation;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to give publicity to the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation and to take practical institutional, educational and organizational measures to facilitate the participation of women on an equal footing with men in the decision-making process, including that related to peace, disarmament negotiations and the resolution of conflicts;

3. *Invites* all Governments, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/28 of 26 May 1988,<sup>54</sup> to inform the Secretary-General of their activities undertaken at all levels to implement the Declaration;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to ensure that publicity is given to the Declaration;

<sup>53</sup> A/C.5/43/14, annex I.

5. *Invites* the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations University and other bodies within the United Nations system to undertake activities that will further involve women in the process aimed at strengthening international peace and co-operation;

6. *Decides* to consider the further implementation of the Declaration at its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000".

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#### 43/105. Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the importance, for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights, of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and embodied in the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>20</sup> as well as in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Welcoming* the progressive exercise of the right to self-determination by peoples under colonial, foreign or alien occupation and their emergence into sovereign statehood and independence,

*Deeply concerned* about the continuation of acts or threats of foreign military intervention and occupation that are threatening to suppress, or have already suppressed, the right to self-determination of an increasing number of sovereign peoples and nations,

*Expressing grave concern* that, as a consequence of the persistence of such actions, millions of people have been and are being uprooted from their homes as refugees and displaced persons, and emphasizing the urgent need for concerted international action to alleviate their condition,

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions regarding the violation of the right of peoples to self-determination and other human rights as a result of foreign military intervention, aggression and occupation, adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth,<sup>54</sup> thirty-seventh,<sup>55</sup> thirty-eighth,<sup>56</sup> thirty-ninth,<sup>57</sup> fortieth,<sup>58</sup> forty-first,<sup>59</sup> forty-second,<sup>60</sup> forty-third<sup>61</sup> and forty-fourth<sup>27</sup> sessions,

*Reiterating* its resolutions 35/35 B of 14 November 1980, 36/10 of 28 October 1981, 37/42 of 3 December 1982, 38/16 of 22 November 1983, 39/18 of 23 November 1984, 40/24 of 29 November 1985, 41/100 of 4 December 1986 and 42/94 of 7 December 1987,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>62</sup>

<sup>54</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, *Supplement No. 5 and corrigendum (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.*

<sup>56</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 2 and corrigendum (E/1982/12 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, *Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.*

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, 1984, *Supplement No. 4 and corrigendum (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.*

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, 1985, *Supplement No. 2 (E/1985/22), chap. II, sect. A.*

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, 1986, *Supplement No. 2 (E/1986/22), chap. II, sect. A.*

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, 1987, *Supplement No. 5 and corrigenda (E/1987/18 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.*

<sup>62</sup> A/43/633 and Add.1.

1. *Reaffirms* that the universal realization of the right of all peoples, including those under colonial, foreign and alien domination, to self-determination is a fundamental condition for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights and for the preservation and promotion of such rights;

2. *Declares its firm opposition* to acts of foreign military intervention, aggression and occupation, since these have resulted in the suppression of the right of peoples to self-determination and other human rights in certain parts of the world;

3. *Calls upon* those States responsible to cease immediately their military intervention and occupation of foreign countries and territories and all acts of repression, discrimination, exploitation and maltreatment, particularly the brutal and inhuman methods reportedly employed for the execution of these acts against the peoples concerned;

4. *Deplores* the plight of the millions of refugees and displaced persons who have been uprooted as a result of the aforementioned acts and reaffirms their right to return to their homes voluntarily in safety and honour;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to give special attention to the violation of human rights, especially the right to self-determination, resulting from foreign military intervention, aggression or occupation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on this issue to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session under the item entitled "Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights".

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**43/106. Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its faith in the importance of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, national sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples as imperatives for the full enjoyment of all human rights,

*Reaffirming* the obligation of all Member States to comply with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the United Nations regarding the exercise of the right to self-determination by peoples under colonial and foreign domination,

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) and all relevant resolutions concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling also* its resolutions on the question of Namibia, in particular resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and S-14/1 of 20 September 1986, as well as the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolu-

tions 385 (1976) of 30 January 1976, 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978 and 601 (1987) of 30 October 1987,

*Recalling further* the Declaration adopted by the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa<sup>63</sup> and the Declaration of the International Conference for the Immediate Independence of Namibia and the Programme of Action on Namibia,<sup>64</sup>

*Recalling* the Luanda Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its extraordinary plenary meetings, held at Luanda from 18 to 22 May 1987,<sup>65</sup>

*Recalling also* the final communiqué adopted by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its ministerial meeting held at United Nations Headquarters on 2 October 1987,<sup>66</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the outcome of the International Conference on the Alliance between South Africa and Israel, held at Vienna from 11 to 13 July 1983,<sup>67</sup>

*Recalling with satisfaction* the holding at Tunis from 7 to 9 August 1984 of the Conference of Arab Solidarity with the Struggle for Liberation in Southern Africa,<sup>68</sup>

*Taking note* of resolutions CM/Res.1147 (XLVIII) on Namibia and CM/Res.1148 (XLVIII) on South Africa adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its forty-eighth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 19 to 23 May 1988,<sup>13</sup>

*Taking note also* of the statement issued on 29 September 1988 by the President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council, in which he expressed their concern that so long after the adoption of Council resolution 435 (1978) the Namibian people had not yet attained their self-determination and independence and strongly urged South Africa to comply forthwith with the resolutions and decisions of the Council, in particular resolution 435 (1978), and to co-operate with the Secretary-General in its immediate, full and definitive implementation,<sup>69</sup>

*Gravely concerned* about the continuation of the illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa and the continued violations of the human rights of the people in the Territory and of the other peoples still under colonial domination and alien subjugation,

*Gravely concerned* about the continuation of the news blackout in Namibia by the racist régime of Pretoria,

*Expressing* support and solidarity with students, workers and parents in Namibia in their demand for the removal of the racist South African military bases from the vicinity of the schools,

*Reaffirming* that the system of *apartheid* imposed on the South African people constitutes a violation of the fundamental rights of that people, a crime against humanity and a constant threat to international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 39/2 of 28 September 1984, and recalling Security Council resolution 554 (1984) of 17 August 1984, in which the Council rejected the so-called

<sup>63</sup> *Report of the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa, Paris, 16-20 June 1986* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.I.23), chap. IX.

<sup>64</sup> See *Report of the International Conference for the Immediate Independence of Namibia, Vienna, 7-11 July 1986* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.I.16 and addendum), part three.

<sup>65</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/42/24)*, part two, chap. III, para. 203.

<sup>66</sup> A/42/631-S/19187, annex.

<sup>67</sup> See A/38/311-S/15883, annex.

<sup>68</sup> See A/39/450-S/16726.

<sup>69</sup> S/20208. For the printed text, see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1988*.