

Expressing its concern that, according to the survey, 70 per cent of the population of the world lack adequate information facilities and are thus denied effective enjoyment of the right to information,

Considering that the information media have an important part to play in education and in economic and social progress generally and that new techniques of communication offer special opportunities for acceleration of the education process,

1. *Invites* the Governments concerned to include adequate provision in their economic plans for the development of national information media;

2. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund, the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and other public and private agencies and institutions to assist, as appropriate, the less developed countries in developing and strengthening their national information media;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue to further the programme for the development of information media including the application of new techniques of communication for achievement of rapid progress in education, to keep up to date as far as possible its survey on this subject and to report as appropriate to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Recommends* that the Governments of Member States should take this programme into account in connexion with the United Nations Development Decade;

5. *Invites* the Governments of the more developed countries to co-operate with less developed countries with a view to meeting the urgent needs of the less developed countries in connexion with this programme for the development of independent national information media, with due regard for the culture of each country.

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1779 (XVII). Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the seventeenth session of the Commission on Human Rights⁶ and the report of the thirteenth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁷

Deeply disturbed by the continued existence and manifestations of racial prejudice and of national and religious intolerance in different parts of the world,

Reiterating its condemnation of all manifestations of racial prejudice and of national and religious intolerance as violations of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 1510 (XV) of 12 December 1960,

Considering it essential to recommend further specific effective measures to eliminate these manifestations of prejudice and intolerance,

1. *Invites* the Governments of all States, the specialized agencies and non-governmental and private organizations to continue to make sustained efforts to educate

public opinion with a view to the eradication of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance and the elimination of all undesirable influences promoting these, and to take appropriate measures so that education may be directed with due regard to article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to principle 10 of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child adopted by the General Assembly on 20 November 1959,⁸

2. *Calls upon* the Governments of all States to take all necessary steps to rescind discriminatory laws which have the effect of creating and perpetuating racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance wherever they still exist, to adopt legislation if necessary for prohibiting such discrimination, and to take such legislative or other appropriate measures to combat such prejudice and intolerance;

3. *Recommends* the Governments of all States to discourage actively, through education and all media of information, the creation, propagation and dissemination of such prejudice and intolerance in any form whatever;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to co-operate fully with the Governments of States in their efforts to prevent and eradicate racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance;

5. *Invites* the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned to inform the Secretary-General of action taken by them in compliance with the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session a report on compliance with the present resolution.

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1780 (XVII). Preparation of a draft declaration and a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination

The General Assembly,

Desiring to put into effect the principle of the equality of all men and all peoples without distinction as to race, colour or religion, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations,

Deeply disturbed by the manifestations of discrimination based on differences of race, colour and religion still in evidence throughout the world,

Considering the necessity of taking all possible steps conducive to the final and total elimination of all such manifestations, which violate the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing that each State ought to take all the necessary action to put an end to these violations, which infringe human dignity,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights, bearing in mind the views of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the debates at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, any proposals on this matter that may be submitted by Governments and any international instruments already adopted in this field by the specialized agencies, to prepare:

(a) A draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, to be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its eighteenth session;

(b) A draft international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, to be submitted

⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3456); see in particular paras. 99-139 and draft resolutions V and VI.

⁷ E/CN.4/815 and Corr.1; see in particular paras. 149-189.

to the Assembly if possible at its nineteenth session and, in any case, not later than at its twentieth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit their comments and proposals concerning the draft convention by 15 January 1964.

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1781 (XVII). Preparation of a draft declaration and a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Desiring to put into effect the principle of the equality of all men and all peoples without distinction as to race, colour or religion, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations,

Deeply disturbed by the manifestations of discrimination based on differences of race, colour and religion still in evidence throughout the world,

Considering the necessity of taking all possible steps conducive to the final and total elimination of all such manifestations, which violate the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing that each State ought to take all the necessary action to put an end to these violations, which infringe human dignity,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights is preparing draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights, bearing in mind the views of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, the debates at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, any proposals on this matter that may be submitted by Governments and any international instruments already adopted in this field by the specialized agencies, to prepare:

(a) A draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, to be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its eighteenth session;

(b) A draft international convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, to be submitted to the Assembly if possible at its nineteenth session and, in any case, not later than at its twentieth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit their comments and proposals concerning the draft convention by 15 January 1964.

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1782 (XVII). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Noting the continued success of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights established by the General Assembly in its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955, including the human rights seminars which have provided numerous opportunities for a fruitful exchange of experience and information relating to problems of human rights, as well as the promising results shown by the fellowships aspect of the programme, which was initiated during 1962,

Noting furthermore the opinion expressed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 889

(XXXIV) of 24 July 1962 that this programme is an important means towards achieving progress in the field of human rights, and would make a significant contribution to the United Nations Development Decade,

Taking into account the hope expressed by the Economic and Social Council in the same resolution that the programme of advisory services will be expanded,

1. *Decides* that the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights should be further expanded with a view to increasing the resources for fellowships so as to permit the award of at least double the number of fellowship available in 1962;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give appropriate publicity to the increased opportunities available to Governments through the programme of advisory services in the form of seminars, fellowships and the services of experts.

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1783 (XVII). Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁸

Recalling its resolution 1165 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which it decided to review, not later than at its seventeenth session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1963,

Convinced of the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection for refugees and in promoting permanent solutions for their problems, with the joint participation of Governments, international organizations and voluntary agencies,

Commending the High Commissioner for the efforts he has made in finding satisfactory solutions of problems affecting groups of refugees within his mandate and those for whom he lends his good offices,

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1964;

2. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to report to the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, and to abide by the directions which the Committee gives him with regard to refugee situations;

3. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to lend their support to the High Commissioner's Programme;

4. *Decides* to review, not later than at its twenty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1968.

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⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/5211/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/5211/Rev.1/Add.1).