

Recognizing that, in order to put into effect the purposes and principles of the Declaration, all States should take immediate and positive measures, including legislative and other measures, to prosecute and/or outlaw organizations which promote or incite to racial discrimination, or incite to or use violence for purposes of discrimination based on race, colour or ethnic origin,

1. *Calls upon* all States in which racial discrimination is practised to take urgent effective steps, including legislative measures, to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Requests* the States where organizations are promoting, or inciting to, racial discrimination to take all necessary measures to prosecute and/or outlaw such organizations;

3. *Requests* the States which have not yet done so to inform the Secretary-General without delay of the measures they have taken to implement the Declaration;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, in time for consideration at its twenty-first session, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to recommend, in the light of the special study of racial discrimination in the political, economic, social and cultural fields envisaged in Council resolution 1076 (XXXIX), any further measures which could be undertaken by the appropriate United Nations bodies with a view to eliminating all forms of racial discrimination, and to submit these recommendations to the General Assembly;

6. *Recommends* that a seminar on the question of the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination should be held under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and in the context of the programme for the International Year for Human Rights.

*1366th plenary meeting,
1 November 1965.*

2018 (XX). Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the family group should be strengthened because it is the basic unit of every society, and that men and women of full age have the right to marry and to found a family, that they are entitled to equal rights as to marriage and that marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses, in accordance with the provisions of article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 843 (IX) of 17 December 1954,

Recalling further article 2 of the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956,¹ which makes certain provisions concerning the age of marriage, consent to marriage and registration of marriages,

Recalling also that Article 13, paragraph 1 b, of the Charter of the United Nations provides that the General Assembly shall make recommendations for the purpose of assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling likewise that, under Article 64 of the Charter, the Economic and Social Council may make arrangements with the Members of the United Nations to obtain reports on the steps taken to give effect to its own recommendations and to recommendations on matters falling within its competence made by the General Assembly,

1. *Recommends* that, where not already provided by existing legislative or other measures, each Member State should take the necessary steps, in accordance with its constitutional processes and its traditional and religious practices, to adopt such legislative or other measures as may be appropriate to give effect to the following principles:

Principle I

(a) No marriage shall be legally entered into without the full and free consent of both parties, such consent to be expressed by them in person, after due publicity and in the presence of the authority competent to solemnize the marriage and of witnesses, as prescribed by law.

(b) Marriage by proxy shall be permitted only when the competent authorities are satisfied that each party has, before a competent authority and in such manner as may be prescribed by law, fully and freely expressed consent before witnesses and not withdrawn such consent.

Principle II

Member States shall take legislative action to specify a minimum age for marriage, which in any case shall not be less than fifteen years of age; no marriage shall be legally entered into by any person under this age, except where a competent authority has granted a dispensation as to age, for serious reasons, in the interest of the intending spouses.

Principle III

All marriages shall be registered in an appropriate official register by the competent authority.

2. *Recommends* that each Member State should bring the Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages contained in the present resolution before the authorities competent to enact legislation or to take other action at the earliest practicable moment and, if possible, no later than eighteen months after the adoption of the Recommendation;

3. *Recommends* that Member States should inform the Secretary-General, as soon as possible after the action referred to in paragraph 2 above, of the measures taken under the present Recommendation to bring it before the competent authority or authorities, with particulars regarding the authority or authorities considered as competent;

4. *Recommends further* that Member States should report to the Secretary-General at the end of three years, and thereafter at intervals of five years, on their law and practice with regard to the matters dealt with in the present Recommendation, showing the extent

¹ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 57.XIV.2

to which effect has been given or is proposed to be given to the provisions of the Recommendation and such modifications as have been found or may be found necessary in adapting or applying it;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the Commission on the Status of Women a document containing the reports received from Governments concerning methods of implementing the three basic principles of the present Recommendation;

6. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the reports received from Member States pursuant to the present Recommendation and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council with such recommendations as it may deem fitting.

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2019 (XX). Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1779 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 entitled "Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance",

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General² containing information received from certain Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerning action taken in compliance with that resolution,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite those Member States which have not yet done so to submit information on the action they have taken in compliance with General Assembly resolution 1779 (XVII), and those which have already done so to submit additional information, if any, not later than 30 June 1966;

2. *Decides* to keep on its agenda the item entitled "Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance" and to complete consideration of this item during its twenty-first session.

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1 November 1965.*

2020 (XX). Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance and draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1781 (XVII) of 7 December 1962, requesting the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights to prepare a draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its eighteenth session, and a draft international convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1015 C (XXXVII) of 30 July 1964, suggesting to the General Assembly that it take a decision at its nineteenth session on the course to be followed with respect to the draft Declaration,

Recalling resolution 1 (XXI) of 7 April 1965 of the Commission on Human Rights entitled "Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance",

² A/5473 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, and Add.2; A/5703 and Add.1 and 2.

Appreciating the work already done by the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the draft Declaration and the draft Convention,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on Human Rights to make every effort to complete, at its twenty-second session, the preparation of the draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance and the draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance, in order that they may be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

2. *Decides* to consider the two drafts as a matter of priority at its twenty-first session.

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2027 (XX). Measures to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1776 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 on the need for the further promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Reaffirming its desire to contribute to respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which are directed at heightening the effectiveness of United Nations action in this sphere,

Recognizing the need, during the United Nations Development Decade, to devote special attention on both the national and the international level to progress in the field of human rights, and to encourage the adoption of measures designed to accelerate the promotion of respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Noting that, despite repeated recommendations, certain countries persist in practising segregation, in violation of the fundamental laws of justice, freedom and respect for human rights,

1. *Urges* all Governments to make special efforts during the United Nations Development Decade to promote respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and invites them to include in their plans for economic and social development measures directed towards the achievement of further progress in the implementation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in subsequent declarations and instruments in the field of human rights;

2. *Calls upon* the technical assistance authorities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to give all possible assistance, within the framework of their programmes during the United Nations Development Decade, with a view to achieving progress in the field of human rights;