

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1068 E (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which the Council recommended to Member States, and especially to those making use of technical assistance, that they give greater priority to projects and programmes directed towards the advancement of women, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the specialized agencies to encourage the participation of women in projects submitted by Member States;

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1068 C (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which the Council emphasized the importance of training appropriate cadres, especially in the developing countries, in order to enable women to participate fully in the economic, social, cultural and political life of their respective countries;

3. *Welcomes* the support given by the Economic and Social Council to the other recommendations made by the Commission on the Status of Women at its eighteenth session;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the international non-governmental organizations to continue their efforts for the improvement of the status of women;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to study especially the possibility of expanding the assistance which can be rendered for the advancement of women in developing countries;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Commission on the Status of Women to these ends;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly informed on developments in this respect, especially with regard to the possibility of establishing a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Iran for its generous invitation, which enabled the Commission on the Status of Women to hold its eighteenth session at Teheran in conditions that were particularly favourable for its work.

*1397th plenary meeting,
16 December 1965.*

2060 (XX). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Noting that proposals have been made to hold an international seminar on *apartheid* in 1966,

Recalling that these proposals were brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-ninth session,²⁰

Requests the Secretary-General to organize in 1966, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Commission on Human Rights, an international seminar on *apartheid* and authorizes him to use such funds as may be necessary for the purpose, making appropriate readjustments within the budgetary allocations approved for section 14 (Human rights advisory services), part V (Technical programmes), of the United Nations budget.

*1397th plenary meeting,
16 December 1965.*

²⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003)*, para. 549.

2061 (XX). Freedom of information

The General Assembly,

Noting that the heavy agenda of the Third Committee at the twentieth session has not allowed the Committee to consider either the draft Convention on Freedom of Information or the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information which was submitted to it by the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that freedom of information forms an important part of the human rights and fundamental freedoms, to the promotion of which the United Nations is dedicated,

Decides to devote, at its twenty-first session, as much time as it deems necessary to the consideration of the item on freedom of information.

*1397th plenary meeting,
16 December 1965.*

2062 (XX). Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that the agenda of its twentieth session included the item entitled "Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights",

Considering that owing to other priorities the proposal relating to this question could not be considered,

Convinced that it would be useful to obtain the opinion of the most appropriate United Nations organ to deal with the matter,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights the proposal for the creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for study of all aspects of the matter and for report, through the Council, to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all pertinent documents concerning that proposal to the Commission on Human Rights.

*1397th plenary meeting,
16 December 1965.*

2080 (XX). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Third Committee, owing to its heavy agenda, has not been able to consider the draft International Covenants on Human Rights at the present session,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1075 (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 on organizational and procedural arrangements for the implementation of conventions and recommendations in the field of human rights,

1. *Decides* to defer to its twenty-first session the further consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights;

2. *Invites* Governments of Member States to consider the measures of implementation and the final clauses of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights prepared by the Commission on Human Rights, the explanatory paper prepared by the Secretary-

General²¹ and the observations received from Governments²² in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1960 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, so that at the twenty-first session of the Assembly Member States will be in a position to complete the preparation of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights.

*1404th plenary meeting,
20 December 1965.*

2081 (XX). International Year for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designating the year 1968 as International Year for Human Rights,

Considering that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been an instrument of the highest importance for the protection and promotion of the rights of individuals and the furtherance of peace and stability,

Convinced that its role in the future will be of equal significance,

Considering that the further promotion and development of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms contributes to the strengthening of peace throughout the world and to friendship between peoples,

Considering that racial discrimination, and in particular the policy of *apartheid*, constitutes one of the most flagrant abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms and that persistent and intense efforts must be made to secure its abandonment,

Reaffirming the belief that the cause of human rights will be well served by an increasing awareness of the extent of the progress made, and the conviction that the year 1968 should be devoted to intensified national and international efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights and also to an international review of the achievements in this field,

Stressing the importance of further development and implementation in practice of the principles of the protection of human rights laid down in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Convinced that an intensification of efforts in the intervening years will heighten the progress that can be made by 1968,

Convinced further that the proposed international review of progress in the field of human rights can advantageously be carried out by means of an international conference,

Noting the interim programme of measures and activities to be undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights and in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, recommended by the Commission on Human Rights and set out in the annex to the present resolution,

Noting further that the Commission on Human Rights is continuing the preparation of a programme of observances, measures and activities to be undertaken in 1968,

1. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, regional inter-governmental organizations, the specialized agencies and the national and international organizations concerned to devote the year 1968 to intensified efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights, including an international review of achievements in this field;

2. *Urges* Member States to take appropriate measures in preparation for the International Year for Human Rights, and in particular to emphasize the urgent need to eliminate discrimination and other violations of human dignity, with special attention to the abolition of racial discrimination and in particular the policy of *apartheid*;

3. *Invites* all Member States to ratify before 1968 the Conventions already concluded in the field of human rights, and in particular the following:

Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery;

International Labour Organisation Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour;

International Labour Organisation Convention concerning Discrimination in respect of Employment and Occupation;

International Labour Organisation Convention concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value;

International Labour Organisation Convention concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize;

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Convention against Discrimination in Education;

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Convention on the Political Rights of Women;

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

4. *Decides* to hasten the conclusion of the following draft conventions so that they may be open for ratification and accession if possible before 1968:

Draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

Draft Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

Draft International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance;

Draft Convention on Freedom of Information;

5. *Decides* to complete by 1968 the consideration and preparation of the draft declarations which have been approved by the Commission on Human Rights and by the Commission on the Status of Women;

6. *Approves* the interim programme of measures and activities envisaged for the United Nations annexed to the present resolution and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the arrangements for the measures to be undertaken by the United Nations set out in the annex;

7. *Invites* Member States to consider, in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights, the possible advantage of undertaking, on a regional basis, common studies in order to establish more effective protection of human rights;

8. *Invites* regional inter-governmental organizations with competence in the field to provide the international conference envisaged for 1968 with full information

²¹ *Ibid.*, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/5411.

²² *Ibid.*, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 65, documents A/5702 and Add.1.