

the General Assembly, a report containing the replies received from Member States in accordance with paragraph 3 above;

5. *Recommends* that no legislative or other action be taken which may be prejudicial to the aims and purposes of a convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity, pending the adoption of a convention by the General Assembly;

6. *Decides* to give high priority to the completion of the draft convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity, with a view to its adoption at the twenty-third session.

1638th plenary meeting,
18 December 1967.

2339 (XXII). 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,

Recalling also its resolutions 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966 relating to the International Year for Human Rights,

Reaffirming its conviction that the celebration of the International Year for Human Rights, including the holding of the International Conference on Human Rights, will contribute significantly to the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year for Human Rights,¹¹

Having also considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Human Rights,¹²

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the International Seminar on Apartheid, Racial Discrimination and Colonialism in Southern Africa, held in 1967 at Kitwe, Zambia, of the Seminar on the Realization of Economic and Social Rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, held in 1967 at Warsaw, Poland, and of recent United Nations seminars on human rights held at Manila, Philippines, at Kingston, Jamaica, and at Helsinki, Finland,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States, specialized agencies, regional organizations and national and international organizations concerned that have supplied information on the measures and activities contemplated or undertaken by them in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights;

2. *Welcomes* the measures taken or envisaged by the Secretary-General to co-ordinate activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights and to implement the relevant parts of the programme for the Year set forth in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2217 A (XXI);

¹¹ A/6866 and Add.1 and 2.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 58, document A/6670.*

3. *Further welcomes* the special activities contemplated or undertaken by other organs of the United Nations in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights;

4. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies, the regional intergovernmental organizations and the national and international organizations concerned to continue to intensify throughout 1968 their efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights, including the measures set out in the annexes to its resolutions 2081 (XX) and 2217 A (XXI), and to keep the Secretary-General informed of these efforts and undertakings;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Human Rights for the work it has accomplished;

6. *Takes note* of the provisional agenda for the International Conference on Human Rights, contained in annex II to the report of the Preparatory Committee;

7. *Expresses the hope* that the Conference will devote particular attention to the adoption of measures to ensure the immediate and complete elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, apartheid and colonialism;

8. *Decides* to modify rule 34, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure of the Conference¹³ to read as follows:

“Decisions of the Conference on all matters of substance shall, unless otherwise decided, be taken by a simple majority of the representatives present and voting”;

9. *Invites* the Council of Europe, the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of American States and any other regional intergovernmental organizations particularly concerned with human rights to send observers to the Conference;

10. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have a demonstrable interest in the items on the provisional agenda for the Conference and may wish to be present at the Conference to send observers to it;

11. *Invites* other non-governmental organizations that may be interested in sending observers to the Conference to make application to the Secretary-General before 1 February 1968 and requests the Preparatory Committee to consider such applications and to approve them if the non-governmental organizations concerned are of recognized standing, are international in their structure and have a demonstrable interest in the items on the provisional agenda for the Conference;

12. *Decides* to add the following rule to the draft rules of procedure of the Conference:¹³

“OBSERVERS FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

“Rule 62

“Observers for non-governmental organizations invited to this Conference may, with the authorization of the General Committee, circulate through the Secretariat written statements of a general character on questions of human rights which are on the agenda of the Conference”;

¹³ *Ibid.*, annex I.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Conference all appropriate documentation and to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities, taking into account the nature and purpose of the Conference;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a further progress report to the General Assembly at its

twenty-third session on the measures and activities referred to in paragraph 4 above and a final report on the International Year for Human Rights to the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

*1638th plenary meeting,
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Other decisions

Housing, building and planning (Item 51)

Town twinning as a means of international co-operation (Item 52)

At its 1638th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1967, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Third Committee¹⁴ that the consideration of items 51 and 52 should be postponed to the twenty-third session.

Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (Item 55)¹⁵

**Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories
(Item 56)**

At its 1638th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1967, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Third Committee¹⁶ that the consideration of items 55 and 56 should be postponed to the twenty-third session.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda items 51 and 52, document A/7002, para. 3.

¹⁵ See also resolution 2332 (XXII), para. 8.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda items 55 and 56, document A/6992, para. 6.