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2623 (XXV). Effects of atomic radiation

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions,

*Reaffirming* the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

*Concerned* about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

*Conscious* of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

*Taking into account* that, in its future reviews of environmental contamination, the Scientific Committee will also give detailed attention to the contamination resulting from peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

*Noting* that the Scientific Committee has discussed the contribution that might be made to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to be held in 1972,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report adopted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation at its twentieth session;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels and effects of atomic radiation;

3. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. *Notes* the intention of the Scientific Committee to hold its twenty-first session in June 1971;

5. *Draws attention* to the Scientific Committee's invitation to States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit available data that would enable it to assess the effects of peaceful uses of nuclear energy on the radiation exposure of human populations;

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 33, document A/8078.

6. *Expresses its appreciation* of the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

7. *Recommends* that all parties concerned should continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee;

8. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the discussion it has had on the contribution that might be made to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and recommends that the Secretary-General should fully utilize the relevant experience of the Committee in the further preparations for this Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination of its findings to the public.

*1864th plenary meeting,  
13 October 1970.*

**2624 (XXV).** The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of *Apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 2505 (XXIV) of 20 November 1969 expressing the firm intention of the United Nations, acting in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa,

*Recalling further* Security Council resolution 282 (1970) of 23 July 1970 calling upon all States to strengthen the arms embargo against South Africa,

*Seriously concerned* at reports that this resolution of the Security Council is not yet being implemented by some States,

*Gravely concerned* about the continued build-up of the South African military and police forces and the consequent aggravation of the situation in southern Africa,

*Taking note* of the resolution adopted on 2 September 1970 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,<sup>3</sup> mandating a delegation of five African States to urge the Governments concerned to stop selling arms to South Africa and also to stop assisting in the manufacture of arms in South Africa,

*Taking note also* of the resolution on *apartheid* and racial discrimination<sup>4</sup> adopted by the Third Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lusaka from 8 to 10 September 1970,

1. *Calls upon* all States to take immediate steps to implement fully the provisions of Security Council resolution 282 (1970);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow closely the implementation of the present resolution, as he has been doing with regard to Security Council resolution 282 (1970), and to report to the General Assembly not later than 10 December 1970.

*1864th plenary meeting,  
13 October 1970.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8022/Rev.1).

<sup>3</sup> See A/SPC/L.181.

**2656 (XXV).** Establishment of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East<sup>4</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East covering the period from 1 July 1969 to 30 June 1970,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting with grave concern* the acute financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and its serious implications for the future work of the Agency,

*Bearing in mind* the appeal made by the Secretary-General on 2 December 1970 at the 740th meeting of the Special Political Committee as well as the appeal made by the Chairman of that Committee on 25 November 1970 at the 733rd meeting of the Committee, and taking into account the suggestions made in the course of the debate concerning possible means of securing additional income,

1. *Decides* to establish a Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, consisting of nine Member States, to study all aspects of the financing of the Agency;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to designate the Member States which will compose the Working Group;

3. *Requests* the Working Group, in consultation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to present an interim report to the General Assembly, not later than 14 December 1970, containing its recommendations on possible measures to be taken to prevent a reduction of the Agency's services in 1971;

4. *Also requests* the Working Group, in the interval between the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly, to assist, as appropriate, the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East in reaching solutions to the problems posed by the Agency's financial crisis;

5. *Further requests* the Working Group, in consultation with the Secretary-General, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the specialized agencies, to present a comprehensive report on all aspects of the financing of the Agency to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.

*1918th plenary meeting,  
7 December 1970.*

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*At the 1926th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1970, the President of the General Assembly announced that, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of the above resolution, he had designated the nine members of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.*

<sup>4</sup> See also resolution 2728 (XXV), p. 8.

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8013).*