

and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia;

4. *Authorizes* the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa to send a representative away from Headquarters to hold informative discussions, as necessary, with the voluntary organizations concerned, particularly those receiving grants from the Trust Fund;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps to intensify the dissemination of information on the need for relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

## 2775 (XXVI). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa

### A

#### ARMS EMBARGO

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*<sup>7</sup> and the letter dated 6 October 1971 from the Chairman of the Special Committee to the President of the General Assembly,<sup>8</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 2624 (XXV) of 13 October 1970 calling upon all States to take immediate steps to implement fully the provisions of Security Council resolution 282 (1970) of 23 July 1970 to strengthen the arms embargo against South Africa,

*Gravely concerned* at the continued build-up of the South African military and police forces,

*Noting* that South Africa continues to receive military equipment, and technical and other assistance for the manufacture of such equipment, from certain Member States in contravention of the arms embargo,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2624 (XXV);

2. *Declares* that the arms embargo against South Africa makes no distinction between arms for external defence and arms for internal repression;

3. *Deplores* the actions of those Governments which, in contravention of the arms embargo, have provided or have allowed companies registered in their countries to provide assistance for the build-up of the military and police forces in South Africa;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments to implement fully the arms embargo against South Africa;

5. *Urgently appeals* to all national and international organizations to discourage and denounce all military collaboration with South Africa and to ensure the implementation of the Security Council resolutions on the arms embargo against South Africa;

6. *Invites* the Security Council to consider the situation in the light of the reports and communications

<sup>7</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1).

<sup>8</sup> A/SPC/145. For the printed text of this document, see Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1971, document S/10354.

addressed to it by the Special Committee on *Apartheid*<sup>9</sup> and of the present resolution, with a view to securing the full implementation by all States of Council resolution 282 (1970);

7. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to undertake a comprehensive study of the military collaboration with, and military assistance to, South Africa by Governments and private enterprises and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

### B

#### EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON *apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination should be the occasion to add new emphasis to efforts to enlighten the international community about the evils of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in South Africa and about the role of the United Nations in this cause,

*Convinced* of the special role that education should play in international efforts to eliminate *apartheid* and other forms of racial discrimination,

*Considering* the important role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in such a cause,

*Commending* the activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in disseminating information on *apartheid*, with special reference to its effects on education, science and culture,

*Taking note* of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>10</sup> in particular the account of its consultations with anti-*apartheid* movements and with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the need for the preparation of an educational kit on southern Africa,

*Noting with satisfaction* the growing interest among educational and other institutions in educational material to enlighten their students on the evils of *apartheid* and racial discrimination,

1. *Commends* the proposal for the preparation of an educational kit on racial discrimination and *apartheid* in southern Africa;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare such an educational kit for possible adaptation by national commissions of that organization and for distribution to institutions of learning;

3. *Further requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consider the production of films and audio-visual material on *apartheid*, with special reference to its adverse effects on education, science and culture;

4. *Invites* all concerned to lend their full co-operation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and

<sup>9</sup> Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1971, documents S/10190 and S/10201; *ibid.*, Supplement for October, November and December 1971, document S/10354; and Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1).

<sup>10</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1).

Cultural Organization to ensure the widest possible use of the material prepared by that organization.

*1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.*

## C

### PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON *Apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with appreciation the work of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2671 (XXV) of 8 December 1970,*

*Considering that further efforts should be made to intensify the international campaign against *apartheid*,*

*Endorsing the programme of work of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* contained in its report,<sup>11</sup>*

*Authorizes the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, within the budgetary provisions to be made for this purpose:*

*(a) To send representatives or delegations, as appropriate, to international conferences dealing with the problem of *apartheid*;*

*(b) To hold consultations with experts and representatives of the oppressed people of South Africa, as well as anti-*apartheid* movements and non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against *apartheid*.*

*1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.*

## D

### *Apartheid* IN SPORTS

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling that Member States have pledged themselves, under Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations, to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,*

*Recalling further its requests to all States and national and international sports organizations to suspend exchanges of sporting events with South African teams selected under *apartheid* policies,*

*Bearing in mind that 1971 was designated as the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to be observed in the name of the ever-growing struggle against racial discrimination in all its forms and manifestations and in the name of international solidarity with those struggling against racism,*

*1. Declares its unqualified support of the Olympic principle that no discrimination be allowed on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation;*

*2. Affirms that merit should be the sole criterion for participation in sports activities;*

*3. Solemnly calls upon all national and international sports organizations to uphold the Olympic principle of non-discrimination and to discourage and deny support to sporting events organized in violation of this principle;*

*4. Calls upon individual sportsmen to refuse to participate in any sports activity in a country in which*

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 305 and 306.

there is an official policy of racial discrimination or *apartheid* in the field of sports;

*5. Urges all States to promote adherence to the Olympic principle of non-discrimination and to encourage their sports organizations to withhold support from sporting events organized in violation of this principle;*

*6. Requests national and international sports organizations and the public to deny any form of recognition to any sports activity from which persons are debarred or in which they are subjected to any discrimination on the basis of race, religion or political affiliation;*

*7. Condemns the actions of the Government of South Africa in enforcing racial discrimination and segregation in sports;*

*8. Notes with regret that some national and international sports organizations have continued exchanges with teams from South Africa that have been selected for international competition on the basis of competition closed to otherwise qualified sportsmen solely on the basis of their race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;*

*9. Commends those international and national sports organizations that have supported the international campaign against *apartheid* in sports;*

*10. Requests all States to urge their national sports organizations to act in accordance with the present resolution;*

*11. Requests the Secretary-General:*

*(a) To bring the present resolution to the attention of international sports organizations;*

*(b) To keep the Special Committee on *Apartheid* informed on the implementation of the present resolution;*

*(c) To submit a report on this matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.*

*1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.*

## E

### ESTABLISHMENT OF BANTUSTANS

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 103 (I) of 19 November 1946 declaring that it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an immediate end to racial persecution and discrimination, and its resolution 395 (V) of 2 December 1950, in which the General Assembly considered that a policy of "racial segregation" (*apartheid*) is necessarily based on doctrines of racial discrimination,*

*Recalling further its resolution 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952 declaring that in a multiracial society harmony and respect for human rights and freedoms and the peaceful development of a unified community are best assured when patterns of legislation and practice are directed towards ensuring equality before the law of all persons regardless of race, creed or colour, and when economic, social, cultural and political participation of all racial groups is on a basis of equality,*

*Noting that the Government of South Africa, while treating the white inhabitants of that country, irrespective of their national origins, as constituting one nation, seeks artificially to divide the African people into "nations" according to their tribal origins and justifies*

the establishment of non-contiguous Bantu homelands (Bantustans) on that basis,

*Recognizing* that the real purpose of the establishment of Bantustans is to divide the Africans, setting one tribe against the other with a view to weakening the African front in its struggle for its inalienable and just rights,

*Having regard* to the subsequent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council on the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa, and in particular General Assembly resolution 2671 (XXV) of 8 December 1970,

*Recalling* its resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946, in which it affirmed the principles of international law recognized by the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg, and the judgement of the Tribunal,

*Bearing in mind* the obligations of all States under international law, the Charter of the United Nations, the human rights principles and the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949,<sup>12</sup>

*Noting further* that under the aforementioned resolution crimes against humanity are committed when enslavement, deportation and other inhuman acts are enforced against any civilian population on political, racial or religious grounds,

*Noting* that many African communities have been uprooted and that large numbers of Africans have been forcibly removed from their homes in pursuance of the policies of *apartheid*,

*Considering* that the establishment of Bantustans and other measures adopted by the Government of South Africa in pursuance of *apartheid* are designed to consolidate and perpetuate domination by a white minority and the dispossession and exploitation of the African and other non-white people of South Africa, as well as of Namibia,

1. *Again condemns* the establishment by the Government of South Africa of Bantu homelands (Bantustans) and the forcible removal of the African people of South Africa and Namibia to those areas as a violation of their inalienable rights, contrary to the principle of self-determination and prejudicial to the territorial integrity of the countries and the unity of their peoples;

2. *Declares* that the United Nations will continue to encourage and promote a solution to the situation in South Africa through the full application of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including political rights, to all inhabitants of the territory of South Africa as a whole, regardless of race, colour or creed;

3. *Decides* to keep the situation in South Africa constantly under review.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

## F

### SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING FROM THE POLICIES OF *apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions and those of the Security Council on the question of *apartheid*,

*Taking note* of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>13</sup>

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1591 (L) of 21 May 1971,

*Taking note also* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>14</sup> on the joint meeting of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the United Nations Council for Namibia, convened by him in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2671 F (XXV) of 8 December 1970, and the consensus adopted by the joint meeting, which is annexed to that report,

*Considering* that the United Nations organs concerned should adopt a concerted and co-ordinated approach to the interrelated problems of southern Africa,

*Gravely concerned* over the explosive situation in South Africa and in southern Africa as a whole resulting from the inhuman and aggressive policies of *apartheid* pursued by the Government of South Africa,

*Considering* that the United Nations and Member States should intensify their efforts to solve the situation in South Africa in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2671 (XXV);

2. *Commends* all States, organizations and individuals struggling against *apartheid* and racial discrimination, especially in South Africa;

3. *Declares* that the present tactics of the racist Government of South Africa in pursuance of its so-called "outward policy" are designed primarily to obtain acquiescence in its racial policies, to confuse world public opinion, to counter international isolation, to hinder assistance to the liberation movements by the international community and to consolidate white minority rule in southern Africa;

4. *Condemns* the continued and increasing co-operation of certain States and foreign economic interests with South Africa in the military, economic, political and other fields, as such co-operation encourages the Government of South Africa in the pursuit of its inhuman policies;

5. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa to eliminate, by all means at their disposal, *apartheid*, racial discrimination and similar ideologies and to attain majority rule in the country as a whole, based on universal adult suffrage;

6. *Appeals* to Governments, the specialized agencies, national and international organizations and individuals to provide every assistance, directly or through the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* of the Organization of African Unity, to the national movement of the oppressed people of South Africa in their legitimate struggle;

7. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations to intensify its efforts to remedy the grave situation in southern Africa and to ensure the achievement of the legitimate rights of all the inhabitants of that area, irrespective of race, colour or creed;

<sup>13</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1).

<sup>14</sup> A/8388.

<sup>12</sup> United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75 (1950), Nos. 970-973.

8. *Requests* all States to take more effective action for the elimination of *apartheid* in the light of the recommendations contained in the previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

9. *Requests* all States to take steps to dissuade their nationals from emigrating to South Africa so long as the Government of South Africa pursues the policies of *apartheid*;

10. *Commends* the activities of States, organizations and individuals engaged in dissuading economic interests from increasing collaboration with South Africa and profiting from racial discrimination and exploitation of African and other non-white workers;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to arrange, in consultation with the Secretary-General, for the preparation of special studies on *apartheid* and its international repercussions and for the publication of a periodic bulletin on the collaboration of Governments and private enterprises with the South African régime and South African companies;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to continue its close co-operation with other United Nations bodies concerned with *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism in southern Africa with a view to co-ordinated action to find ways and means of eliminating those evils;

13. *Again recommends* that the Security Council should consider urgently the situation in South Africa and in southern Africa as a whole with a view to the adoption of effective measures against South Africa, including those under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

## G

### DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON *apartheid*

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the United Nations has a vital role in promoting national and international action for the elimination of *apartheid*,

*Recognizing* the importance of the widest dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of *apartheid*, and of United Nations efforts for the elimination of *apartheid*, in order to secure increasing support of world public opinion for such action,

*Noting* the report of the Secretary-General on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities,<sup>15</sup> analysing the relationship of United Nations public information activities to the achievement of the substantive goals of the United Nations, including the elimination of *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism, and stressing the need, within the principles of universality and objectivity, of a United Nations information programme more directly geared to the support of these goals,

*Recalling* its resolution 2671 C (XXV) of 8 December 1970,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>16</sup> and the recommendations contained in the report of

the Special Committee on *Apartheid* concerning the dissemination of information on *apartheid*,<sup>17</sup>

*Taking note also* of the consensus adopted by the joint meeting of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>18</sup> in particular the request that the Secretary-General consider appropriate arrangements for intensifying and co-ordinating research, information and publicity on southern Africa and the recommendation that the presiding officers of the three bodies or their representatives should advise the Secretary-General from time to time,

*Welcoming* the increasing co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in disseminating information on *apartheid*,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in conformity with the conclusions set forth in paragraphs 52 and 57 of his report on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities,<sup>19</sup> and in compliance with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 274 to 278, 289 and 290 of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>20</sup> to intensify information activities with a view to promoting national and international action for the elimination of *apartheid*;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ascertain the needs and to take into account the recommendations of the General Assembly bodies concerned with the problems of southern Africa in intensifying information activities on those problems;

3. *Invites* Governments, specialized agencies and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, information media and educational institutions, to co-operate with the United Nations in disseminating information on *apartheid*;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies to contribute to the campaign against *apartheid* in the light of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 282 to 284 of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid*, in consultation with non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against *apartheid*, to take appropriate steps, where necessary, to promote the establishment of national committees against *apartheid*;

6. *Appeals* to Governments and organizations to make voluntary contributions to enable the Organization of African Unity to acquire equipment for recording and distributing information on *apartheid* through various broadcasting facilities and to lend their co-operation to the Organization of African Unity in preparing and disseminating radio broadcasts on *apartheid*;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a detailed report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution and on means of ensuring adequate publicity for United Nations efforts against *apartheid* in the light of recommendations by the General Assembly bodies concerned.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

<sup>17</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1), paras. 272-285.

<sup>18</sup> See A/8388.

<sup>19</sup> A/C.5/1320/Rev.1.

<sup>20</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8422/Rev.1).

<sup>15</sup> A/C.5/1320/Rev.1 and Add.1.

<sup>16</sup> A/8467.

## H

TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES AGAINST *apartheid**The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2671 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970,

Noting the opposition of the international trade union movement to *apartheid* and racial discrimination,

Convinced of the need to promote concerted action by the trade union movement at the national and international levels in the campaign against *apartheid*,

Noting that the question of *apartheid* will be before the International Labour Conference at its fifty-seventh session, to be held at Geneva in June 1972,

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* concerning ways and means of promoting concerted action against *apartheid* by the trade union movements,<sup>21</sup>

1. Appeals to all national and international trade union organizations to intensify their action against *apartheid*, in particular by:

(a) Discouraging the emigration of skilled workers to South Africa;

(b) Taking appropriate action in connexion with the infringements of trade union rights and the persecution of trade unionists in South Africa;

(c) Exerting maximum pressure on foreign economic and financial interests which are profiting from racial discrimination against non-white workers in South Africa, in order to persuade them to cease such exploitation;

(d) Co-operating with other organizations engaged in the international campaign against *apartheid*;

2. Decides to give further consideration to the proposed international trade union conference at its twenty-seventh session;

3. Requests and authorizes the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to send a mission to hold consultative meetings, if possible, with the workers' representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the International Labour Conference, to consider lines of action which the trade union movement may take against *apartheid*, including the holding of the international trade union conference, and to invite representatives of international and regional trade union federations to those consultative meetings;

4. Requests the International Labour Organisation and invites the workers' representatives to lend their co-operation to the Special Committee on *Apartheid* in preparing and holding the consultative meetings.

1997th plenary meeting,  
29 November 1971.

**2791 (XXVI). Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and

Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,<sup>22</sup>

Taking into account the annual 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 1970 to 30 June 1971,<sup>23</sup>

Taking note of the joint appeal made by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General on 17 November 1971,<sup>24</sup>

Recognizing with grave concern that the financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continues to be acute, thereby imminently endangering the already minimum services being provided to Palestine refugees,

Emphasizing the urgent need for extraordinary efforts and exceptional measures in order to maintain, at least at their present level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its work and approves its report, drawing special attention to the conclusions and recommendations contained in chapter V of that report;

2. Requests the Working Group to continue its work for one year in accordance with the provisions of its previous mandate and, as appropriate, to pursue urgently with Governments, both bilaterally and on a regional basis, with specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, and with other organizations and individuals concerned, the implementation of the recommendations approved by the General Assembly in the present resolution, as well as the implementation of other resolutions relating to the mandate of the Working Group;

3. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1565 (L) of 3 May 1971, and in particular urges serious consideration and early implementation of paragraph 5 of that resolution;

4. Supports the joint appeal made by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to Governments to join in the collective effort to solve the financial crisis of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

5. Requests the Working Group, after consultation with all concerned, in particular the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and taking into account the views expressed in the course of the debate during the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly relevant to the mandate of the Working Group, to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on all aspects of the financing of the Agency to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

2001st plenary meeting,  
6 December 1971.

<sup>22</sup> A/8476.

<sup>23</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8413).

<sup>24</sup> A/8526.