

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of increased co-ordination between United Nations organs and the specialized agencies in the activities and programmes relating to youth and of continuing co-operation with the Governments of Member States, in order to achieve an effective and harmonious approach to the problems confronting youth;

3. *Solemnly invites* all young people to affirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations in order to further the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding among peoples;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance for the administering Powers of urgently undertaking all necessary measures to further by all appropriate means and in conformity with the Charter the education and training of youth in the countries and territories still under colonial and alien domination and foreign occupation, with a view to expediting their liberation and the full exercise of their right to self-determination;

5. *Urges* Governments to ensure to youth:

(a) More favourable conditions in the fields of education, training, health, social welfare and employment;

(b) An appropriate opportunity to participate in the preparation and implementation of national development plans and in programmes of international co-operation;

(c) The possibility of participating in decisions on questions of national interest, particularly those which concern youth;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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3142 (XXVIII). Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The General Assembly,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁸ on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴⁹

Convinced that the coming into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights will greatly enhance the ability of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and will contribute to the attainment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 3025 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and in particular the hope expressed that Member States would find it possible to take ap-

⁴⁸ A/9140 and Add.1.

⁴⁹ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

propriate action with a view to accelerating the process of ratification or accession to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Noting with appreciation that following its appeal some Member States have acceded to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 3060 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 relating to the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the General Assembly invited States which had not yet done so to ratify, *inter alia*, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

1. *Reiterates its hope* that such action on the part of Member States will be further continued;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 2788 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, to prepare, on the basis of reports from Governments, and submit to the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session a report on the measures taken or envisaged by Member States with a view to accelerating the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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3143 (XXVIII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees concerning the activities of his Office⁵⁰ and having heard his statement,⁵¹

Noting with appreciation the manner in which the High Commissioner has, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, carried out essential humanitarian actions,

Bearing in mind the importance of the increasingly useful co-operation between the High Commissioner and other members of the United Nations system, resulting in better co-ordination of action and greater efficiency in fields of common interest,

Recognizing the importance of voluntary repatriation as a permanent solution to the refugee problem and the useful role played by the High Commissioner in co-operation with other members of the United Nations system and non-governmental agencies in assisting them,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing number of Governments contributing to the High Commissioner's Programme and the generous attitude adopted by Gov-

⁵⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/9012 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 12A (A/9012/Add.1) and Supplement No. 12B (A/9012/Add.2).*

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Third Committee, 2038th meeting, paras. 1-8.*