apartheid as a result of intensified acts of repression against the African peoples by the Government of South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe),

Conscious of the need to take effective steps for the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the struggle of the African peoples-concerned for their liberation from colonialism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Bearing in mind the positive results achieved in the work of the United Nations bodies concerned as a direct consequence of the participation of representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in the relevant proceedings of these bodies in an observer capacity,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity23 and commends his efforts in promoting such co-operation;
- 2. Expresses its appreciation of the outstanding contribution made by the Organization of African Unity in the relevant work of the United Nations bodies concerned, including in particular the positive role played by the Administrative Secretary-General and the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity;
- 3. Reaffirms the determination of the United Nations, 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;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and apartheid in southern Africa, and, in this connexion, draws attention to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and Apartheid established by the Organization of African Unity;
- 5. Draws once again the attention of all United Nations bodies, in particular the Security Council, to the continued need to take effective measures to associate closely the Organization of African Unity regularly with all their work concerning Africa, including especially the activities of the committee on sanctions of the Council;24
- 6. Invites the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and intensify their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;
- 7. Decides to invite as observers, on a regular basis and in accordance with earlier practice, representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the relevant work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs concerned, as well as in conferences, seminars and other meetings held under the auspices of the United Nations which relate to their countries, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for their effective participation, including the requisite financial provisions;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

> 2421st plenary meeting 28 November 1975

3413 (XXX). Admission of the Republic of Surinam to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the application for membership of Council of 1 December 1975 that the Republic of Surinam should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,25

Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of Surinam,26

Decides to admit the Republic of Surinam to membership in the United Nations.

> 2428th plenary meeting 4 December 1975

3414 (XXX). The situation in the Middle East

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East",

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and resolutions of the United Nations as well as those principles of international law which prohibit the occupation or acquisition of territory by the use of force and which consider any military occupation, however temporary, or any forcible annexation of such territory, or part thereof, as an act of aggression,

Gravely concerned at the continuation of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories and Israel's persistent denial of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people,

Recalling relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, particularly those concerning the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people and its right to participate in any efforts for

Convinced that the early reconvening of the Peace Conference on the Middle East with the participation of all the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, is essential for the realization of a just and lasting settlement in the region,

Convinced that the present situation prevailing in the Middle East continues to constitute a serious threat to international peace and security, and that urgent measures should be taken in order to ensure Israel's full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the questions of Palestine and the Middle East.

Recognizing that peace is indivisible and that a just and lasting settlement of the question of the Middle East must be based on a comprehensive solution under the auspices of the United Nations, which takes into consideration all aspects of the Middle East conflict,

²⁸ A/10254.

²⁴ Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 252 (1968) concerning the question of Southern

²⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/10413.

²⁶ A/10388-S/11884. For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirtieth Year, Supplement for October, Navember and December 1975.