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### 32/10. Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolve to achieve the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Recalling* that, in its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination annexed thereto, it called for a continuing effort by all peoples, Governments and institutions to eradicate racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Noting* that, despite the support given to the Programme for the Decade by the international community, intolerable conditions continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination and the inhuman and odious application of *apartheid* and racial discrimination,

*Reiterating* its conviction that a serious threat is posed to international peace and security by the continued defiance by the racist régimes in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia of the resolutions of the General Assembly and of various other organs and bodies of the United Nations relating to the policies of *apartheid*, racial discrimination and the illegal occupation of Namibia,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 31/77 of 13 December 1976 regarding the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and draws the attention of Member States, international organizations, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the need to respect and implement the provisions of that resolution;

2. *Condemns once again* the policies of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination which prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination and the inhuman and odious application of *apartheid* and racial discrimination;

3. *Renews* its strong support for oppressed peoples struggling to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid*, colonialism and alien domination;

4. *Appeals* to all States to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General by submitting their reports, when due, in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade;

5. *Calls once again upon* all Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such enterprises;

6. Urges United Nations organs, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade, in particular by:

(a) Intensifying their educational and information campaigns;

(b) Increasing their material and moral support to the national liberation movements and the victims of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

(c) Offering all assistance to and co-operating with the Secretary-General to ensure the success of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to do his utmost to give the Programme for the Decade the fullest publicity, having regard to the need to focus international attention on the struggle against racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*;

8. Renews its call for adequate resources to be made available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under paragraph 18 (g) of the Programme for the Decade;

9. Appeals once again to Governments and private organizations to make voluntary contributions in support of the activities envisaged in the Programme for the Decade;

10. Decides to consider at its thirty-third session, as a matter of high priority, an item entitled "Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

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7 November 1977

### 32/11. Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 3135 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974, 3381 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 and 31/79 of 13 December 1976,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>2</sup> on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;<sup>3</sup>

2. Expresses its satisfaction with the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto;

3. Reaffirms once again its conviction that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. Appeals to States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. Appeals to States parties to the Convention to study the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

<sup>2</sup> A/32/186.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the General Assembly annual reports concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

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### 32/12. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973, by which it adopted and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*, and its resolutions 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 and 31/80 of 13 December 1976,

Reaffirming its conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity and that its continued intensification and expansion seriously disturb and threaten international peace and security,

Convinced that ratification of and accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions without delay are necessary for the achievement of the goals of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>4</sup>

Convinced that the proclamation of 1978 as International Anti-*Apartheid* Year<sup>5</sup> will contribute to the aims of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the Maputo Declaration in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia<sup>6</sup> adopted by the International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia, held at Maputo from 16 to 21 May 1977, and the Lagos Declaration for Action against *Apartheid*<sup>7</sup> adopted by the World Conference for Action against *Apartheid*, held at Lagos from 22 to 26 August 1977,

Taking note of the document referring to the General Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against *Apartheid*, Racism and Colonialism in Southern Africa, held at Lisbon from 16 to 19 June 1977,<sup>8</sup>

Convinced that the legitimate struggle of the oppressed peoples in southern Africa against *apartheid*, colonialism and racial discrimination and the effective implementation of their inalienable and legitimate rights, including their right to self-determination, demand all necessary support by the international community,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*;<sup>9</sup>

<sup>4</sup> See resolution 3057 (XXVIII).

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 22A (A/32/22/Add.1-3)*, document A/32/22/Add.2.

<sup>6</sup> A/32/109/Rev.1-S/12344/Rev.1, annex V, sect. II. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1977*.

<sup>7</sup> A/CONF.91/9 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XIV.2 and corrigendum), sect. X.

<sup>8</sup> A/AC.115/L.467.

<sup>9</sup> A/32/187.