

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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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-General² on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;³

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;

² A/32/186.

³ 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,⁴

Convinced that the proclamation of 1978 as International Anti-*Apartheid* Year⁵ will contribute to the aims of the Convention,

Bearing in mind the Maputo Declaration in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia⁶ 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*⁷ 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 1977,⁸

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*;⁹

⁴ See resolution 3057 (XXVIII).

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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*.

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

⁸ A/AC.115/L.467.

⁹ A/32/187.

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

3. *Requests* all States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to accede thereto as soon as possible;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Chairman of the thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights of a group as provided for by article IX of the Convention;¹⁰

5. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to continue its efforts to undertake the functions set out in article X of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report under General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX) a special section concerning the implementation of the Convention.

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32/13. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 32/10 of 7 November 1977 on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, resolution 31/81 of 13 December 1976 on the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and resolution 32/11 of 7 November 1977 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions¹¹ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Noting with appreciation the decisions taken by the Committee at its sixteenth session about its contribution to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by preparing a document on the Convention and a relevant study on the acceptance and implementation of the Convention,

Stressing the importance of the undertaking of States parties to the Convention to engage in no act or practice of racial discrimination against any person, groups of persons or national or ethnic minorities, and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Convention,

Noting the decisions adopted by the Committee at its fifteenth and sixteenth sessions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Takes note also* of the part of the report relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to

¹⁰ The Working Group on the Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* consists of the following members: Cuba, Nigeria and Syrian Arab Republic.

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/32/18).*

all other Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies, draws the attention of the relevant United Nations bodies to the opinions and recommendations of the Committee relating to those Territories and stresses the necessity of providing the Committee with sufficient information in order to enable it to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

3. *Commends* the Committee for furthering the implementation of the Convention by requesting the States parties to the Convention to include in their reports under article 9 information on the measures which they have adopted to give effect to article 7 of the Convention in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information with a view to combating prejudices which lead to racial discrimination, promoting understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations and racial or ethnic groups, and propagating the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention;

4. *Welcomes* decision 2 (XVI) of 9 August 1977 in which the Committee decided in principle to give general distribution to the reports of States parties to the Convention and other official documents of the Committee which would bring about greater awareness by world public opinion of the problem of racial discrimination and mobilize it on the realization of the goals and principles contained in the Convention;

5. *Welcomes* all efforts by the Committee to focus the greatest attention on the just cause of the peoples struggling against the oppression of the colonialist and racist régimes in southern Africa;

6. *Invites* States parties to the Convention to provide necessary information to the Committee in accordance with article 9 of the Convention, taking into account in particular:

(a) General recommendation III of 18 August 1972 and decision 2 (XI) of 7 April 1975 on the status of their relations with the racist régimes in southern Africa;

(b) General recommendation IV of 16 August 1973 on the demographic composition of their population;

(c) General recommendation V of 13 April 1977 on measures adopted to give effect to article 7 of the Convention;

7. *Expresses its grave concern* that some States parties to the Convention, for reasons beyond their control, are prevented from fulfilling their obligation under the Convention in parts of their respective territories, endorses the relevant decisions of the Committee and recalls General Assembly resolution 2784 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and Assembly resolution 3266 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 concerning the situation in the Golan Heights;

8. *Invites* the States parties to the Convention to observe fully the provisions of the Convention and other international instruments and agreements to which they are parties concerning the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

9. *Invites* all States which are not yet parties to the Convention to ratify or accede to it and, pending