

the attention of the public by all the means of mass communication;

9. *Appeals* to all States, United Nations organs, specialized agencies and international and national non-governmental organizations to step up their activities in enhancing public awareness by denouncing the crimes committed by the racist régime of South Africa;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts, through appropriate channels, to disseminate information on the Convention and its implementation with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report under General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 a special section concerning the implementation of the Convention.

*66th plenary meeting
22 November 1983*

38/20. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: reporting obligations of States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/44 of 3 December 1982,

Mindful of the obligation of all States parties to comply fully with the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁴³ including the timely submission of periodic reports under article 9 of the Convention,

Acknowledging once again the burden which reporting obligations under international instruments place upon States parties, especially those with limited technical and administrative resources,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the reporting obligations of States parties under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other relevant human rights instruments,⁴⁴

Noting that the report of the Secretary-General emphasizes the interrelationship of the problems affecting the reporting system under various human rights instruments,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁴⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his report, and an analytical summary of the records of the General Assembly's consideration thereof, to the ninth meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination for consideration;

3. *Invites* the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to consider the analysis and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, taking into account the various suggestions made in the General Assembly and at the ninth meeting of the States parties to the Convention, and to transmit its views and recommendations to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

*66th plenary meeting
22 November 1983*

38/21. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/46 of 3 December 1982 on the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and 38/18 of 22 November 1983 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁴⁵ as well as its other relevant resolutions on the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,⁴⁶

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions,⁴⁷ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Emphasizing that it is important for the success of the struggle against all instances of racial discrimination, including vestiges and manifestations of racist ideologies wherever they exist, that all Member States be guided in their internal and foreign policies by the basic provisions of the Convention,

Mindful of the obligation of all States parties to comply fully with the provisions of the Convention,

Welcoming all States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention, including Namibia, which acceded to the Convention on 11 December 1982, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia,

Welcoming also the continued co-operation of the Committee with the competent specialized agencies, especially with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organization, and other United Nations bodies,

Taking note of the decisions adopted and the recommendations made by the Committee at its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions;

2. *Commends* the Committee for its contribution to the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin, wherever it exists;

3. *Strongly condemns* the policy of *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia as the most abhorrent form of racial discrimination and urges all Member States to adopt effective political, economic and other measures in order to secure the elimination of that policy and to achieve the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations bodies concerned to ensure that the Committee is supplied with all relevant information on all the Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies and urges the administering Powers to co-operate with these bodies by providing all the necessary information in order to enable the Committee to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

5. *Commends* the Committee for its continuous endeavours towards the elimination of the policy of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination in southern

⁴³ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁴⁴ A/38/393.

⁴⁵ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁴⁶ Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

⁴⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/38/18).*