

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;⁴⁴

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the number of States that 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 Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;⁴⁵

4. *Requests* those States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto;

5. *Calls upon* the States parties to the Convention to consider the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report concerning the status of the Convention, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.

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41/105. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and resolution 41/104 of 4 December 1986 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,³ as well as its other relevant resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,⁴⁶

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

Aware of the importance of the contribution of the Committee to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Further aware of the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially the elimination of *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General concerning the work of the Committee,⁴⁷ which states, *inter alia*, that the Committee was unable to hold its thirty-fourth session in August 1986 as planned because of the lack of financial means, as a consequence of the failure of many States parties to the Convention to pay their contributions under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention,

Recalling the appeal made at the tenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention⁴⁸ to States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention, as well as other appeals on the same subject,

1. *Expresses its grave concern* that, for the above reason, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Dis-

crimination was unable to hold its thirty-fourth session and to carry out its obligations in the course of 1986 and that, consequently, it could not submit an annual report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

2. *Commends* the Committee for its work in the past with regard to the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Calls upon* States parties to comply fully with their obligation under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention and to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention;

4. *Appeals urgently* to States parties to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention so as to enable the Committee to resume its work;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To consider making an urgent appeal, by telex, to States parties to fulfil their financial obligations with regard to the Committee in order to enable it to resume its work;

(b) To transmit notices of assessment for 1987 to States parties as soon as possible, urging them to pay their contributions;

(c) To explore all appropriate avenues to enable the Committee to meet in 1987, even if for a shorter duration and at a reduced cost;

(d) To consider convoking, if necessary and within available resources, a meeting of States parties during the first regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council, so that they can take stock of the level of assessed contributions and make recommendations on the future work of the Committee;

(e) To report on the situation to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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41/106. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its pertinent resolutions, including resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁴⁹ and resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which, *inter alia*, it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 40/31 of 29 November 1985 and reaffirming all of its relevant provisions,

Noting with satisfaction the concrete measures already carried out by the Governments of Member States, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the United Nations system and by non-governmental organizations

⁴⁴ A/41/508.

⁴⁵ Resolution 38/14.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, annex.

⁴⁷ A/41/561 and Add.1.

⁴⁸ See CERD/SP/24.

⁴⁹ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).