

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).

concerned to monitor the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Mindful that, since developing countries are experiencing difficulties in mobilizing resources, international co-operation should be encouraged to assist national efforts in implementing the World Programme of Action and achieving the objectives of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,⁵⁰

1. *Once again invites* Member States to reinforce national committees as focal points for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, to stimulate activities at the national level, to mobilize public opinion on behalf of the Decade, to participate in the implementation of disability projects with regard to the International Year of Disabled Persons and to assist in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

2. *Renews its invitation* to all States to give high priority to projects concerning the prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation and the equalization of the opportunities of disabled persons within the framework of bilateral assistance;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to administer donated funds, using them for projects under the present structure of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,⁵¹ and, in addition, to continue to make new provisions in order to offer a selection of projects to donor countries that might be willing to finance a particular programme under the "Special Purpose Contributions";

4. *Reaffirms* that the resources of the Voluntary Fund should be used to support catalytic and innovative activities in order to implement further the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with priority given, as appropriate, to programmes and projects of the least developed countries;

5. *Invites* Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue their contributions to the Voluntary Fund and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;

6. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Sweden to act as host in 1987 to a meeting of experts, consisting largely of disabled persons, in conformity with the relevant provisions of resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984;

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the status of preparations for the forthcoming meeting of experts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the outcome of the meeting of experts;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled

Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons".

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41/107. Crime prevention and criminal justice

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the need for concerted and systematic efforts by the international community towards more effective crime prevention and criminal justice strategies and policies and, in particular, for co-ordinated practical action to give effect to the conclusions and recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁵²

Recognizing the pivotal role of the United Nations, through its programme activities and congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in promoting the exchange of expertise and experience and closer international co-operation in this field,

Recalling its resolution 40/32 of 29 November 1985 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/10, 1986/11 and 1986/12 of 21 May 1986,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice;⁵³

2. *Urges* Member States and the Secretary-General to make every effort to translate into action, as appropriate, the respective recommendations, policies and conclusions stemming from the Milan Plan of Action and other relevant resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders⁵² and to ensure that they are adequately followed up;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and of adequate and timely preparations for such congresses by the Secretary-General and by Member States at national, regional and interregional levels;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1987 to examine in depth the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account the results of the review undertaken by the Secretary-General;⁵⁴

5. *Invites* Member States and the Secretary-General to ensure timely preparations for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

6. *Also invites* Member States and the Secretary-General, in the performance of his duties, in implementing the results of the Seventh Congress, to accord priority attention to the forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Co-operation and Development of the Secretariat to maintain effective support to the United Nations regional crime prevention institutes and, in this regard, takes note with satisfaction

⁵² See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1).

⁵³ A/41/618.

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 5 (E/1986/25), chap. IV.*

⁵⁰ A/41/605 and Corr.1.

⁵¹ Formerly known as the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons.