

provement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, contained in the annex to resolution 36/17, and to encourage other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to do the same;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to develop methods that specifically indicate how the channels of communication could efficiently be attuned to youth-related projects and activities of United Nations organs and of the specialized agencies, and to include in his report thereon to the General Assembly concrete suggestions for co-operation between the United Nations system and the non-governmental youth organizations;

4. *Calls upon* youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations by putting forth their proposals for co-operation with the United Nations system, and, where such mechanisms do not exist, recommends that national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year should similarly continue to act as channels of communication;

5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-third session the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General.

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42/56. 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 subsequent resolutions on the status of the Convention,

Reaffirming its conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, a gross violation of human rights and a crime against humanity, seriously threatening international peace and security,

Alarmed by the aggravation of the situation in South Africa, in particular the further escalation of ruthless repression by the Fascist-like *apartheid* régime,

Strongly condemning South Africa's continued policy of *apartheid* and its continued illegal occupation of Namibia, as well as its policy of aggression, State terrorism and destabilization against independent African States,

Mindful of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/II of 26 February 1987,²⁶ in which the Commission expressed its conviction that the crime of *apartheid* is a form of the crime of genocide,

Stressing that the racist *apartheid* régime is the root cause of the conflict in southern Africa and that as long as it exists there will be neither peace nor security for any country in the region nor early independence for Namibia and that it must, therefore, be eradicated,

Condemning the continued collaboration of certain States and transnational corporations with the racist

régime of South Africa in the political, economic, military and other fields as an encouragement to the intensification of its odious policy of *apartheid*,

Firmly convinced that the legitimate struggle of the oppressed peoples in southern Africa against *apartheid*, racism and colonialism and for the effective exercise of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence demands more than ever all necessary support by the international community and, in particular, further action by the Security Council in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Underlining that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and the implementation of its provisions without any delay are necessary for its effectiveness, and therefore will contribute to the eradication of the crime of *apartheid*,

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*;²⁷

2. *Commends* those States parties to the Convention which have submitted their reports under article VII thereof;

3. *Appeals once again* to the States that have not yet done so to ratify or to accede to the Convention without further delay, in particular those States which have jurisdiction over transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia and without whose co-operation such operations cannot be halted;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Group of Three of the Commission on Human Rights, established in accordance with article IX of the Convention, and, in particular, of the conclusions and recommendations contained in that report;²⁸

5. *Draws the attention* of all States to the opinion expressed by the Group of Three in its report²⁹ that transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia must be considered accomplices in the crime of *apartheid*, in accordance with article III (b) of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to intensify, in co-operation with the Special Committee against *Apartheid*, its efforts to compile periodically the progressive list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States deemed responsible for crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention, as well as those against whom or which legal proceedings have been undertaken;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the above-mentioned list to all States parties to the Convention and to all Member States and to bring such facts to the attention of the public by all means of mass communication;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the States parties to the Convention, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide the Commission on Human Rights with relevant information concerning the forms of the crime of *apartheid*, as described in article II of the Convention, committed by transnational corporations operating in South Africa;

9. *Notes* the importance of measures to be taken by States parties in the field of teaching and education for fuller implementation of the Convention;

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 5 (E/1987/18 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.*

²⁷ A/42/449.

²⁸ E/CN.4/1987/28, sect. V.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. IV, para. 50.

10. *Appeals* to all States, United Nations organs, the 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;

11. *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;

12. *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.

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42/57. Report of the 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,² 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,³⁰

Reiterating the importance of the Convention, which is the most widely accepted human rights instrument adopted under the auspices of the United Nations, as well as of the contribution of the Committee to United Nations efforts to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Welcoming the report of the Committee covering its 1986 and 1987 sessions,³¹

Reiterating once again 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,

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

Recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the eleventh meeting of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligation under the Convention,

Gravely concerned that, in spite of all the urgent appeals for payment of assessed contributions under the Convention, the situation impeding the proper functioning of the Committee continues to deteriorate,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,³²

1. *Expresses its profound concern* at the fact that a number of States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination have not fulfilled their financial obligations under the Con-

vention, which led to the cancellation of the August 1986 session and the curtailment by two weeks of the August 1987 session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Expresses once again its concern* that such a situation prevented the Committee from submitting an annual report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session as required by the Convention and led to further delay in discharging its substantive obligations under the Convention;

3. *Commends* the Committee for its work with regard to the implementation of the Convention and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee covering its 1986 and 1987 sessions;

5. *Calls upon* States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention and to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention;

6. *Strongly appeals* to all States parties to fulfil without delay their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention so as to enable the Committee to continue its work;

7. *Calls upon* States parties to explore, at their next meeting on 15 January 1988, all appropriate avenues and to take a decision that would enable the Committee to meet regularly in the future;

8. *Invites* the States parties to consider, pending a fully satisfactory solution to the current financial difficulties, the possibility, as an exceptional measure, of the Committee holding one extended session per year;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the financial situation of the Committee;

10. *Decides* to consider the report at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination".

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42/58. 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,³³ and resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which it, *inter alia*, proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 41/106 of 4 December 1986 and reaffirming all of its provisions,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/43 of 28 May 1987, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to make all appropriate efforts to mobilize international support and action for the Decade,

Further taking note of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,²¹ adopted by the Interregional Consultation

³⁰ Resolution 38/14.

³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/42/18).*

³² A/42/468 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

³³ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).