

4. *Decides* to devote a plenary meeting at its fiftieth session to youth questions, as 1995 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations Postal Administration to produce commemorative United Nations stamps in 1995 to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

6. *Emphasizes* the need for a review and appraisal of the progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the guidelines and, on the basis of the evaluation, for preparation of a global youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond, with a target orientation and within a specific time-frame;

7. *Invites* all Member States to consider preparing a national plan of action based on an analytical national evaluation of the situation and needs of youth;

8. *Calls again upon* Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental and intergovernmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17;

9. *Requests* the regional commissions, as appropriate, together with regional youth and youth-serving organizations, to undertake a comprehensive review of progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the regions since 1985 and to propose draft regional youth programmes of action towards the year 2000 and beyond;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond in accordance with proposals to be submitted by Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental youth organizations and in consultation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

11. *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 system and youth and youth organizations and, especially, to contribute to the preparations for the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and to the formulation of a world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond;

12. *Again invites* Governments to include youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of youth-related issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world;

13. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund, in order to enable it to continue its mandated role and to contribute effectively to the needs of developing countries in the field of youth;

14. *Decides* to consider the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" at its forty-sixth session on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 45/104. Convention on the Rights of the Child

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions and those of the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council related to the question of a convention on the rights of the child,

*Recalling in particular* its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Convention on the Rights of the Child and called upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority,

*Reaffirming* that children's rights require special protection and call for continuous improvement of the situation of children all over the world, as well as for their development and education in conditions of peace and security,

*Profoundly concerned* that the situation of children in many parts of the world remains critical as a result of inadequate social conditions, natural disasters, armed conflicts, exploitation, illiteracy, hunger and disability, and convinced that urgent and effective national and international action is called for,

*Mindful* of the important role of the United Nations Children's Fund and of the United Nations in promoting the well-being of children and their development,

*Convinced* that the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as a standard-setting accomplishment of the United Nations in the field of human rights, makes a positive contribution to protecting children's rights and ensuring their well-being,

*Welcoming with satisfaction* the successful conclusion of the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 29 and 30 September 1990, in particular the adoption of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s,<sup>54</sup> and stressing the necessity to ensure follow-up to the Summit at the national and international levels,

*Encouraged* by the fact that an unprecedented number of States have to date become signatories and parties to the Convention, thereby demonstrating the widespread commitment that exists to strive for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;<sup>54</sup>

2. *Welcomes with deep satisfaction* the entry into force of the Convention on 2 September 1990 as a major step in international efforts to promote universal

<sup>54</sup> A/45/473.

respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the number of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention since it was opened for signature, ratification and accession on 26 January 1990;

4. *Calls upon* all States that have not done so to sign, ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of priority;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the dissemination of information on the Convention and its implementation, with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Convention;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of the establishment of the Committee on the Rights of the Child as an essential mechanism for overseeing the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities so that the functions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child may be carried out effectively;

9. *Invites* United Nations agencies and organizations, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on the Convention and promoting its understanding;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

11. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child".

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#### **45/105. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its objective set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Reaffirming also* its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>5</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>21</sup> the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*<sup>21</sup> and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960,<sup>55</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, on the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, on the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Recalling further* the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983,

*Bearing in mind* the Report of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,<sup>56</sup>

*Convinced* that the Second World Conference represented a positive contribution by the international community towards attaining the objectives of the Decade, through its adoption of a Declaration<sup>57</sup> and an operational Programme of Action<sup>57</sup> for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Noting with concern* that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination were not attained and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 39/16 of 23 November 1984, 42/47 of 30 November 1987, 43/91 of 8 December 1988 and 44/52 of 8 December 1989,

*Emphasizing once again* the necessity of attaining the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General<sup>58</sup> and his report<sup>59</sup> submitted within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

*Firmly convinced* of the need to take more effective and sustained international measures for the elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination and the total eradication of *apartheid* in South Africa,

*Regretting* that certain activities of the Second Decade scheduled for the period 1985-1989 have not been implemented owing to a lack of financial resources,

*Recognizing* the importance of strengthening, where necessary, national legislation and institutions for the promotion of racial harmony,

*Aware* of the importance and the magnitude of the phenomenon of migrant workers, as well as the efforts undertaken by the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of migrant workers and their families,

*Welcoming* the Declaration on *Apartheid* and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,<sup>60</sup> unanimously adopted by the General Assembly at its six-

<sup>55</sup> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions*, p. 119.

<sup>56</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.4 and corrigendum.

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. II.

<sup>58</sup> A/45/525.

<sup>59</sup> A/45/443.

<sup>60</sup> Resolution S-16/1, annex.