

Observing that, notwithstanding many United Nations decisions and recommendations designed to promote the development of universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and despite the progress made, the situation with regard to the granting and observance of these rights remains unsatisfactory in many parts of the world,

Recognizing the need for increased efforts to eradicate as quickly as possible manifestations leading to every kind of violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind the need to hasten the application of the most important recommendations of the United Nations on the safeguarding of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to enhance the effectiveness and increase the practical results of United Nations activity in this field,

Proposes that the Economic and Social Council should instruct the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To study and to encourage the adoption of measures designed to accelerate the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to devote special attention to this matter during the United Nations Development Decade;

(b) To submit to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session a report and recommendations on this question.

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1777 (XVII). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1509 (XV) of 12 December 1960 concerning special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in developing countries,

Having considered the reports prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions,⁵

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 884 E (XXXIV) of 16 July 1962, by which the Council recognized the necessity to develop and co-ordinate the various programmes of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund which are designed to promote the advancement of women in developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of the work accomplished by the Commission on the Status of Women,

Believing that the co-ordination and development of these various programmes should be implemented through a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Recognizing that new resources required for this purpose may be provided by the contributions of Member States, especially of the advanced countries, and by those non-governmental organizations whose aims are to advance the welfare of women everywhere,

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 19, documents E/3493, E/3566 and Add.1.*

Recognizing that it is appropriate to draw the attention of world public opinion to the importance of this problem,

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 884 E (XXXIV) by which the Council, *inter alia*, invites the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, in co-operation with the United Nations, to strengthen and expand their programmes designed to meet the needs of women in developing countries and to seek new methods to achieve this purpose;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study, in co-operation with the Member States, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund and appropriate non-governmental organizations, the possibility of providing and developing new resources aimed especially at the initiation and implementation of a unified long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within the scope of the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and the advisory social welfare services programme, to study especially the possibility of expanding the assistance which can be rendered, through seminars, fellowships and the services of experts, for the advancement of women in developing countries;

4. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to co-operate with the Secretary-General to these ends;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly on developments in this respect, especially with regard to the possibility of establishing the above-mentioned programme.

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1778 (XVII). International co-operation to assist in the development of information media in less developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1313 A (XIII) of 12 December 1958, by which it requested the Economic and Social Council to formulate a programme of concrete action and measures on the international plane which could be undertaken for the development of information enterprises in under-developed countries, with an evaluation of the material, financial and professional requirements and resources for the implementation of this programme,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 718 (XXVII) of 24 April 1959, requested the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake a survey designed to provide the elements for the programme of concrete action desired by the General Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction Economic and Social Council resolution 888 E (XXXIV) of 24 July 1962, transmitting to the General Assembly the reports on the survey which has been carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization by means of a series of regional meetings in Asia, Africa and Latin America, held in co-operation with the respective United Nations regional economic commissions,

Expressing its concern that, according to the survey, 70 per cent of the population of the world lack adequate information facilities and are thus denied effective enjoyment of the right to information,

Considering that the information media have an important part to play in education and in economic and social progress generally and that new techniques of communication offer special opportunities for acceleration of the education process,

1. *Invites* the Governments concerned to include adequate provision in their economic plans for the development of national information media;

2. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board, the Special Fund, the specialized agencies concerned, the regional economic commissions and other public and private agencies and institutions to assist, as appropriate, the less developed countries in developing and strengthening their national information media;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue to further the programme for the development of information media including the application of new techniques of communication for achievement of rapid progress in education, to keep up to date as far as possible its survey on this subject and to report as appropriate to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Recommends* that the Governments of Member States should take this programme into account in connexion with the United Nations Development Decade;

5. *Invites* the Governments of the more developed countries to co-operate with less developed countries with a view to meeting the urgent needs of the less developed countries in connexion with this programme for the development of independent national information media, with due regard for the culture of each country.

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1779 (XVII). Manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the seventeenth session of the Commission on Human Rights⁶ and the report of the thirteenth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁷

Deeply disturbed by the continued existence and manifestations of racial prejudice and of national and religious intolerance in different parts of the world,

Reiterating its condemnation of all manifestations of racial prejudice and of national and religious intolerance as violations of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 1510 (XV) of 12 December 1960,

Considering it essential to recommend further specific effective measures to eliminate these manifestations of prejudice and intolerance,

1. *Invites* the Governments of all States, the specialized agencies and non-governmental and private organizations to continue to make sustained efforts to educate

public opinion with a view to the eradication of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance and the elimination of all undesirable influences promoting these, and to take appropriate measures so that education may be directed with due regard to article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to principle 10 of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child adopted by the General Assembly on 20 November 1959;³

2. *Calls upon* the Governments of all States to take all necessary steps to rescind discriminatory laws which have the effect of creating and perpetuating racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance wherever they still exist, to adopt legislation if necessary for prohibiting such discrimination, and to take such legislative or other appropriate measures to combat such prejudice and intolerance;

3. *Recommends* the Governments of all States to discourage actively, through education and all media of information, the creation, propagation and dissemination of such prejudice and intolerance in any form whatever;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to co-operate fully with the Governments of States in their efforts to prevent and eradicate racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance;

5. *Invites* the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned to inform the Secretary-General of action taken by them in compliance with the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session a report on compliance with the present resolution.

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1780 (XVII). Preparation of a draft declaration and a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination

The General Assembly,

Desiring to put into effect the principle of the equality of all men and all peoples without distinction as to race, colour or religion, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations,

Deeply disturbed by the manifestations of discrimination based on differences of race, colour and religion still in evidence throughout the world,

Considering the necessity of taking all possible steps conducive to the final and total elimination of all such manifestations, which violate the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing that each State ought to take all the necessary action to put an end to these violations, which infringe human dignity,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights, bearing in mind the views of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the debates at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, any proposals on this matter that may be submitted by Governments and any international instruments already adopted in this field by the specialized agencies, to prepare:

(a) A draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, to be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its eighteenth session;

(b) A draft international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, to be submitted

⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3456); see in particular paras. 99-139 and draft resolutions V and VI.

⁷ E/CN.4/815 and Corr.1; see in particular paras. 149-189.