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**2905 (XXVII). Effects of atomic radiation**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions,

*Reaffirming* the desirability of the Scientific Committee continuing its work,

*Concerned* about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

*Conscious* of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

*Recognizing* that, under its present terms of reference as laid down in General Assembly resolution 913 (X), the Scientific Committee can become an element of value in the future United Nations environment programme,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report submitted by the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contributions it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels and effects of atomic radiation;

3. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. *Concurs* in the request of the Scientific Committee, contained in paragraph 4 of its report, that it be relieved of the obligation to report to the General Assembly before the twenty-ninth session and notes that the Committee is not planning to meet before the end of 1973, unless asked to undertake new tasks either in the context of the United Nations environ-

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/8725 and Corr.1).*

ment programme or in response to any other special demand;

5. *Requests*, accordingly, the Scientific Committee to meet before the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly and to report to the Assembly at that session, on the understanding that the Assembly will then decide, taking into account the recommendation of the Committee, on the convening of its subsequent session;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

7. *Notes and welcomes* the readiness of the Scientific Committee to play a role in the United Nations environment programme;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination of its findings to the public.

2064th plenary meeting  
17 October 1972

## 2923 (XXVII). Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa

### A

#### MALTREATMENT AND TORTURE OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2764 (XXVI) of 9 November 1971 concerning the maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in South Africa and the persecution of religious leaders opposed to that policy,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on Apartheid entitled "Maltreatment and torture of prisoners in South Africa",<sup>2</sup> submitted in pursuance of that resolution,

*Expressing grave concern* over any and every act of maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in South Africa, and over the deaths while in detention of a number of detainees,

1. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa immediately to put an end to all forms of physical and mental torture and other acts of terror against opponents of apartheid under detention or imprisonment and to punish the perpetrators of such criminal acts;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee on Apartheid to follow the situation and take appropriate steps to promote an international campaign for an end to repression, maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid under detention or imprisonment in South Africa;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To publicize the report of the Special Committee on Apartheid on maltreatment and torture of prisoners and detainees and all other available information concerning this matter;

(b) To transmit the report of the Special Committee to the Commission on Human Rights and to appropriate international non-governmental organizations.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

<sup>2</sup> A/8770.

### B

#### UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,<sup>3</sup> to which is annexed the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa,

*Recalling* that, in paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 311 (1972) of 4 February 1972, the Council urged Governments and individuals to contribute generously and regularly to the Trust Fund,

*Conscious* of the continuing and increasing needs for humanitarian assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, as well as in Namibia and Southern Rhodesia, and to their families,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees to promote contributions to the Trust Fund,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have contributed to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

2. *Again appeals* to all States, organizations and individuals for generous annual contributions to the Trust Fund and for direct contributions to the voluntary agencies concerned, in order to enable them to provide relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa to continue their efforts to obtain increased contributions from governmental and non-governmental sources to the Trust Fund.

2085th plenary meeting  
15 November 1972

### C

#### PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON Apartheid

*The General Assembly,*

*Commending* the work of the Special Committee on Apartheid in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2775 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

*Endorsing* the programme of work of the Special Committee on Apartheid contained in its report,<sup>4</sup>

*Requests and authorizes* the Special Committee on Apartheid, within the budgetary appropriation to be made for this purpose:

(a) To hold consultations with experts and representatives of the oppressed people of South Africa and African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, as well as anti-apartheid movements and other non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against apartheid, in order to consider ways and means of intensifying international action against apartheid;

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/8822.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/8722), paras. 245-250.