

2. *Invites* States which have not yet done so to ratify the international instruments concluded in the field of human rights, in particular the following:

(a) International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;<sup>11</sup>

(b) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Optional Protocol;<sup>12</sup>

(c) International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;<sup>12</sup>

3. *Urges* the world community to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in such a way as to contribute in a significant manner to the realization of the principles, values and ideals contained in the Declaration for the benefit of all mankind.

2163rd plenary meeting  
2 November 1973

### 3068 (XXVIII). International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* resolution 2922 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972, in which it reaffirmed its conviction that *apartheid* constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity,

*Recognizing* the urgent need to take further effective measures with a view to the suppression and punishment of *apartheid*,

*Mindful* of the need to conclude, under the auspices of the United Nations, an International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*,

*Convinced* that the Convention would be an important step towards the eradication of the policies and practices of *apartheid*, and that it should be signed and ratified by States at the earliest possible date and its provisions implemented without delay,

*Considering also* that the text of the Convention should be made known throughout the world,

1. *Adopts* and opens for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Appeals* to all States to sign and ratify the Convention as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to acquaint the public as widely as possible with the text of the Convention, using all the information media at their disposal;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the urgent and wide dissemination of the Convention and, for that purpose, to publish and circulate its text;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission on Human Rights to undertake the functions set out under article X of the Convention.

2185th plenary meeting  
30 November 1973

<sup>11</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

<sup>12</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

## ANNEX

### International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

*The States Parties to the present Convention,*

*Recalling* the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in which all Members pledged themselves to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the Organization for the achievement of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Considering* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour or national origin,

*Considering* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>13</sup> in which the General Assembly stated that the process of liberation is irresistible and irreversible and that, in the interests of human dignity, progress and justice, an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith,

*Observing* that, in accordance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>14</sup> States particularly condemn racial segregation and *apartheid* and undertake to prevent, prohibit and eradicate all practices of this nature in territories under their jurisdiction,

*Observing* that, in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,<sup>15</sup> certain acts which may also be qualified as acts of *apartheid* constitute a crime under international law,

*Observing* that, in the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity,<sup>16</sup> "inhuman acts resulting from the policy of *apartheid*" are qualified as crimes against humanity,

*Observing* that the General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted a number of resolutions in which the policies and practices of *apartheid* are condemned as a crime against humanity,

*Observing* that the Security Council has emphasized that *apartheid* and its continued intensification and expansion seriously disturb and threaten international peace and security,

*Convinced* that an International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* would make it possible to take more effective measures at the international and national levels with a view to the suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid*,

*Have agreed* as follows:

#### Article I

1. The States Parties to the present Convention declare that *apartheid* is a crime against humanity and that inhuman acts resulting from the policies and practices of *apartheid* and similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination, as defined in article II of the Convention, are crimes violating the principles of international law, in particular the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and constituting a serious threat to international peace and security.

2. The States Parties to the present Convention declare criminal those organizations, institutions and individuals committing the crime of *apartheid*.

#### Article II

For the purpose of the present Convention, the term "the crime of *apartheid*", which shall include similar policies and

<sup>13</sup> Resolution 1514 (XV).

<sup>14</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

<sup>15</sup> Resolution 260 A (III), annex.

<sup>16</sup> Resolution 2391 (XXIII), annex.

practices of racial segregation and discrimination as practised in southern Africa, shall apply to the following inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them:

(a) Denial to a member or members of a racial group or groups of the right to life and liberty of person:

- (i) By murder of members of a racial group or groups;
- (ii) By the infliction upon the members of a racial group or groups of serious bodily or mental harm, by the infringement of their freedom or dignity, or by subjecting them to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (iii) By arbitrary arrest and illegal imprisonment of the members of a racial group or groups;

(b) Deliberate imposition on a racial group or groups of living conditions calculated to cause its or their physical destruction in whole or in part;

(c) Any legislative measures and other measures calculated to prevent a racial group or groups from participation in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country and the deliberate creation of conditions preventing the full development of such a group or groups, in particular by denying to members of a racial group or groups basic human rights and freedoms, including the right to work, the right to form recognized trade unions, the right to education, the right to leave and to return to their country, the right to a nationality, the right to freedom of movement and residence, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association;

(d) Any measures, including legislative measures, designed to divide the population along racial lines by the creation of separate reserves and ghettos for the members of a racial group or groups, the prohibition of mixed marriages among members of various racial groups, the expropriation of landed property belonging to a racial group or groups or to members thereof;

(e) Exploitation of the labour of the members of a racial group or groups, in particular by submitting them to forced labour;

(f) Persecution of organizations and persons, by depriving them of fundamental rights and freedoms, because they oppose *apartheid*.

#### Article III

International criminal responsibility shall apply, irrespective of the motive involved, to individuals, members of organizations and institutions and representatives of the State, whether residing in the territory of the State in which the acts are perpetrated or in some other State, whenever they:

(a) Commit, participate in, directly incite or conspire in the commission of the acts mentioned in article II of the present Convention;

(b) Directly abet, encourage or co-operate in the commission of the crime of *apartheid*.

#### Article IV

The States Parties to the present Convention undertake:

(a) To adopt any legislative or other measures necessary to suppress as well as to prevent any encouragement of the crime of *apartheid* and similar segregationist policies or their manifestations and to punish persons guilty of that crime;

(b) To adopt legislative, judicial and administrative measures to prosecute, bring to trial and punish in accordance with their jurisdiction persons responsible for, or accused of, the acts defined in article II of the present Convention, whether or not such persons reside in the territory of the State in which the acts are committed or are nationals of that State or of some other State or are stateless persons.

#### Article V

Persons charged with the acts enumerated in article II of the present Convention may be tried by a competent tribunal

of any State Party to the Convention which may acquire jurisdiction over the person of the accused or by an international penal tribunal having jurisdiction with respect to those States Parties which shall have accepted its jurisdiction.

#### Article VI

The States Parties to the present Convention undertake to accept and carry out in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations the decisions taken by the Security Council aimed at the prevention, suppression and punishment of the crime of *apartheid*, and to co-operate in the implementation of decisions adopted by other competent organs of the United Nations with a view to achieving the purposes of the Convention.

#### Article VII

1. The States Parties to the present Convention undertake to submit periodic reports to the group established under article IX on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted and that give effect to the provisions of the Convention.

2. Copies of the reports shall be transmitted through the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Special Committee on *Apartheid*.

#### Article VIII

Any State Party to the present Convention may call upon any competent organ of the United Nations to take such action under the Charter of the United Nations as it considers appropriate for the prevention and suppression of the crime of *apartheid*.

#### Article IX

1. The Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights shall appoint a group consisting of three members of the Commission on Human Rights, who are also representatives of States Parties to the present Convention, to consider reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with article VII.

2. If, among the members of the Commission on Human Rights, there are no representatives of States Parties to the present Convention or if there are fewer than three such representatives, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall, after consulting all States Parties to the Convention, designate a representative of the State Party or representatives of the States Parties which are not members of the Commission on Human Rights to take part in the work of the group established in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, until such time as representatives of the States Parties to the Convention are elected to the Commission on Human Rights.

3. The group may meet for a period of not more than five days, either before the opening or after the closing of the session of the Commission on Human Rights, to consider the reports submitted in accordance with article VII.

#### Article X

1. The States Parties to the present Convention empower the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To request United Nations organs, when transmitting copies of petitions under article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, to draw its attention to complaints concerning acts which are enumerated in article II of the present Convention;

(b) To prepare, on the basis of reports from competent organs of the United Nations and periodic reports from States Parties to the present Convention, a list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States which are alleged to be responsible for the crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention, as well as those against whom legal proceedings have been undertaken by States Parties to the Convention;

(c) To request information from the competent United Nations organs concerning measures taken by the authorities responsible for the administration of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, and all other Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December

1960 applies, with regard to such individuals alleged to be responsible for crimes under article II of the Convention who are believed to be under their territorial and administrative jurisdiction.

2. Pending the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), the provisions of the present Convention shall in no way limit the right of petition granted to those peoples by other international instruments or by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

#### Article XI

1. Acts enumerated in article II of the present Convention shall not be considered political crimes for the purpose of extradition.

2. The States Parties to the present Convention undertake in such cases to grant extradition in accordance with their legislation and with the treaties in force.

#### Article XII

Disputes between States Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of the present Convention which have not been settled by negotiation shall, at the request of the States Parties to the dispute, be brought before the International Court of Justice, save where the parties to the dispute have agreed on some other form of settlement.

#### Article XIII

The present Convention is open for signature by all States. Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force may accede to it.

#### Article XIV

1. The present Convention is subject to ratification. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### Article XV

1. The present Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. For each State ratifying the present Convention or acceding to it after the deposit of the twentieth instrument of ratification or instrument of accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit of its own instrument of ratification or instrument of accession.

#### Article XVI

A State Party may denounce the present Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Denunciation shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General.

#### Article XVII

1. A request for the revision of the present Convention may be made at any time by any State Party by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The General Assembly of the United Nations shall decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such request.

#### Article XVIII

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States of the following particulars:

(a) Signatures, ratifications and accessions under articles XIII and XIV;

(b) The date of entry into force of the present Convention under article XV;

(c) Denunciations under article XVI;

(d) Notifications under article XVII.

#### Article XIX

1. The present Convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies of the present Convention to all States.

### 3069 (XXVIII). Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Referring* to its resolutions 1781 (XVII) of 7 December 1962, 2020 (XX) of 1 November 1965, 2295 (XXII) of 11 December 1967 and 3027 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972,

*Reaffirming* the equal importance of both a declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and an international convention on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief,

*Taking into account* the decision taken at its twenty-seventh session to accord priority to the completion of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance before resuming consideration of the draft International Convention on this subject,

*Noting* that the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights had no opportunity to consider properly the draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance<sup>17</sup> and to present their recommendations thereon, and that, despite the efforts of Member States, it has not been possible to complete the final draft of a Declaration during the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly,

*Considering* that the draft articles prepared by the Working Group set up by the Commission on Human Rights at its twentieth session,<sup>18</sup> and suggestions, comments and amendments thereto submitted by Member States,<sup>19</sup> constitute a suitable orientation for the preparation of a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance,

*Believing* that the preparation of a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance requires additional study,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session to consider, as a matter of priority, the elaboration of a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance, taking into account the observations submitted by Governments as well as the opinions expressed, the suggestions put forward and the amendments submitted in the course of the discussion of this question at the twenty-eighth session

<sup>17</sup> A/8330, annex I. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3873)*, para. 294.

<sup>18</sup> A/8330, annex II. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3873)*, para. 296.

<sup>19</sup> A/9134 and Add.1 and 2.