

the attention of the public by all the means of mass communication;

9. *Appeals* to all States, United Nations organs, 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;

10. *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;

11. *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.

*66th plenary meeting
22 November 1983*

38/20. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: reporting obligations of States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/44 of 3 December 1982,

Mindful of the obligation of all States parties to comply fully with the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁴³ including the timely submission of periodic reports under article 9 of the Convention,

Acknowledging once again the burden which reporting obligations under international instruments place upon States parties, especially those with limited technical and administrative resources,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the reporting obligations of States parties under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and other relevant human rights instruments,⁴⁴

Noting that the report of the Secretary-General emphasizes the interrelationship of the problems affecting the reporting system under various human rights instruments,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;⁴⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his report, and an analytical summary of the records of the General Assembly's consideration thereof, to the ninth meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination for consideration;

3. *Invites* the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to consider the analysis and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, taking into account the various suggestions made in the General Assembly and at the ninth meeting of the States parties to the Convention, and to transmit its views and recommendations to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

*66th plenary meeting
22 November 1983*

38/21. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/46 of 3 December 1982 on the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and 38/18 of 22 November 1983 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁴⁵ as well as its other relevant resolutions on the implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,⁴⁶

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions,⁴⁷ submitted under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Emphasizing that it is important for the success of the struggle against all instances of racial discrimination, including vestiges and manifestations of racist ideologies wherever they exist, that all Member States be guided in their internal and foreign policies by the basic provisions of the Convention,

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

Welcoming all States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention, including Namibia, which acceded to the Convention on 11 December 1982, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia,

Welcoming also the continued co-operation of the Committee with the competent specialized agencies, especially with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organization, and other United Nations bodies,

Taking note of the decisions adopted and the recommendations made by the Committee at its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions;

2. *Commends* the Committee for its contribution to the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin, wherever it exists;

3. *Strongly condemns* the policy of *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia as the most abhorrent form of racial discrimination and urges all Member States to adopt effective political, economic and other measures in order to secure the elimination of that policy and to achieve the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations bodies concerned to ensure that the Committee is supplied with all relevant information on all the Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies and urges the administering Powers to co-operate with these bodies by providing all the necessary information in order to enable the Committee to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

5. *Commends* the Committee for its continuous endeavours towards the elimination of the policy of *apartheid*, racism and racial discrimination in southern

⁴³ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁴⁴ A/38/393.

⁴⁵ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁴⁶ Resolution 3057 (XXVIII), annex.

⁴⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/38/18).*

Africa and the implementation of the United Nations resolutions relating to the liberation and independence of Namibia;

6. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Committee aimed at the elimination of all forms of discrimination against national or ethnic minorities, persons belonging to such minorities and indigenous populations, wherever such discrimination exists, and the attainment of the full enjoyment of their human rights through the implementation of the principles and provisions of the Convention;

7. *Welcomes further* the efforts of the Committee aimed at the elimination of all forms of discrimination against migrant workers and their families, the promotion of their rights on a non-discriminatory basis and the achievement of their full equality, including the freedom to maintain their cultural characteristics;

8. *Calls upon* all Member States to adopt effective legislative, socio-economic and other necessary measures in order to ensure the prevention or elimination of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

9. *Further calls upon* the States parties to the Convention to protect fully, by the adoption of the relevant legislative and other measures, in conformity with the Convention, the rights of national or ethnic minorities and persons belonging to such minorities, as well as the rights of indigenous populations;

10. *Commends* the States parties to the Convention on the measures taken to ensure, within their jurisdiction, the availability of appropriate recourse procedures for the victims of racial discrimination;

11. *Reiterates its invitation* to the States parties to the Convention to provide the Committee, in accordance with its general guidelines, with information on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention, including information on the demographic composition of their population and on their relations with the racist régime of South Africa;

12. *Takes note with appreciation* of the contribution of the Committee towards the achievement of the goals of the Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,⁴⁸ as well as its contribution to the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in preparing studies on the implementation of particular articles of the Convention;

13. *Appeals* to the States parties to take fully into consideration their obligation under the Convention to submit their reports in due time.

66th plenary meeting
22 November 1983

38/22. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979, 35/126 of 11 December 1980, 36/28 of 13 November 1981 and 37/48 of 3 December 1982,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and funda-

mental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation-building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, against foreign domination and occupation, and for the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing again that the United Nations should pay more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to intensify the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Reaffirming the importance of better co-ordination of efforts in dealing with specific problems confronting young people and in examining the manner in which those problems are being treated by the specialized agencies and by various United Nations bodies,

Aware of the valuable contribution which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is making to the promotion of international co-operation in the field of youth,

Convinced that the preparation for and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year with the motto "Participation, Development, Peace" will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major national, regional and international problems.

Confident that the International Youth Year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the overall development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes, in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁹

Recalling also in this connection its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on the question of guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergov-

⁴⁸ See resolution 38/14 above.

⁴⁹ Resolution 35/46, annex.