

of the Fund by carrying out its decisions on an increasing number of projects;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities, including the preparation, production and dissemination of information materials, to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known and in its appeal for contributions.

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**45/144. Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 44/143 of 15 December 1989 and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/11 of 23 February 1990,<sup>3</sup>

*Recalling also* the relevant provisions of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,<sup>227</sup> the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment<sup>87</sup> and the Declaration on the Rights of the Child,<sup>85</sup>

*Welcoming* the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of the Child<sup>52</sup> and the results of the World Summit for Children, in particular the adoption on 30 September 1990 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>53</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>229</sup> and in particular of the condemnation expressed therein by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights with regard to the lack of government concern for the violation of the human rights of the children of South Africa in matters of freedom of movement and the right to education and health,<sup>230</sup>

1. *Expresses its profound outrage* at evidence of detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

2. *Vigorously condemns* the *apartheid* racist régime for the continued detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

3. *Reiterates its demand* for the immediate and unconditional release of all children held in detention by the *apartheid* régime in South Africa;

4. *Reiterates its appeal* to all relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to intensify the world-wide campaign aimed at drawing attention to, monitoring and exposing these inhuman practices;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to pay special attention to the question of detention, torture and other inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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**45/146. Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986, 42/111, 42/112 and 42/113 of 7 December 1987, 43/120 of 8 December 1988 and 44/140 of 15 December 1989 and other relevant provisions,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988<sup>92</sup> for improving international co-operation in that field and further strengthening the existing international instruments for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, namely, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,<sup>231</sup> and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,<sup>232</sup> and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,<sup>233</sup>

*Welcoming* the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 on 11 November 1990, the necessary number of ratifications and accessions having been reached,

*Expressing its satisfaction* with the work thus far done by the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat relating to the establishment of various measures to assist States to become parties to the Convention and provisionally implement its provisions, as well as with the inclusion of legal and technical assistance to States to these ends in the programme of work of the Division for the biennium 1990-1991,

*Taking note of* the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action<sup>234</sup> adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, held from 20 to 23 February 1990, as well as the Declaration of the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990,<sup>235</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the Ministerial Meeting on the Consumption, Production and Traffic of Illicit Drugs, held at Ixtapa, Mexico, from 17 to 20 April 1990,

<sup>231</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

<sup>232</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

<sup>233</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

<sup>234</sup> Resolution S-17/2, annex.

<sup>235</sup> A/45/262, annex.

<sup>229</sup> A/45/615.

<sup>230</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 8 (para. 229 of the quoted text).

*Taking note* of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its eleventh special session,<sup>236</sup> held at Vienna from 29 January to 2 February 1990, and in particular of the measures adopted by this United Nations standard-setting body relating to the entry into force and the provisional application of the Convention,

1. *Urges* States that have not yet done so to proceed as soon as possible to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, in order to make its provisions more universally effective;
2. *Also urges* States to establish the necessary legislative and administrative measures so that their internal juridical regulations may be compatible with the spirit and the scope of the Convention;
3. *Invites* States, to the extent that they are able to do so, to apply provisionally the measures set forth in the Convention, pending its entry into force for each of them, and, in particular, to bear in mind the advisory services available for this purpose from the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat;
4. *Once again urges* all States that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assign appropriate priority to providing the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board with the necessary financial, technical and human resources that would enable them to carry out their additional responsibilities under the Convention for the biennium 1990-1991 without prejudice to the provisions of any resolution authorizing a reform of the United Nations structure for international drug abuse control;
6. *Once again requests* the Secretary-General, within existing resources and drawing, in particular, on funds available to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to provide, facilitate and encourage public information activities relating to the Convention;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**45/147. Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking**

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* that the adoption of the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action<sup>234</sup> at the seventeenth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic sub-

stances, was an important step in the harmonization of the efforts of all to combat this scourge of mankind,

*Reaffirming* the purpose of the United Nations to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace,

*Convinced* that an intensification of international co-operation and concerted action among States is the fundamental basis for confronting the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking,

*Recognizing* that the international fight against illicit trafficking should be pursued in full conformity with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and the principles of international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations,

1. *Reaffirms* that the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking should continue to be based on strict respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and non-use of force or the threat of force in international relations;
2. *Calls upon* all States to intensify their actions to promote effective co-operation in the efforts to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking, so as to contribute to a climate conducive to achieving this end, and to refrain from using the issue for political purposes;
3. *Affirms* that the international fight against drug trafficking should not in any way justify violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law, particularly the right of all peoples freely to determine, without external interference, their political status and to pursue their economic, social and cultural development, and that every State has the duty to respect this right in accordance with the provisions of the Charter;
4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to give due consideration to the principles set out in the present resolution in a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;
5. *Decides* to consider at its forty-sixth session the question of respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, under the item entitled "International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking".

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**45/148. Implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 44/16 of 1 November 1989 and 44/141 of 15 December 1989, and taking note of

<sup>236</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 4 (E/1990/24).