

on the subject convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris in 1967, with a view to eradicating once and for all false racial beliefs based upon a lack of scientific knowledge;

5. *Recommends further* that the General Assembly urge all States concerned to accelerate economic and social development of their minority groups with a view to eliminating *de facto* discrimination occasioned by their low standard of living, and urge also competent organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies to extend their full co-operation, including technical and financial assistance where appropriate, to enable the States concerned to achieve the foregoing objective;

6. *Stresses* the significance of social and economic reforms that lead to the acceleration of the social and economic development of countries and also to the full participation of people in the process of such development and in its benefits as the basis for the actual realization of human rights and freedoms and the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination;

7. *Invites* the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to provide the Commission on Human Rights with reports, at three-year intervals, on the nature and effect of any racial discrimination, especially in southern Africa, of whose existence they have knowledge in their sphere of competence.

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1589 (L). The problem of indigenous populations

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that indigenous populations often encounter racial prejudice and discrimination and that sometimes the special measures taken by the authorities to protect their unique culture and identity—which they themselves earnestly wish to maintain—may, with the passage of time, become unnecessary or excessive and therefore may also be discriminatory in character,

Considering that the international community must therefore devote particular attention to the problems of indigenous populations if it is to succeed in its endeavour to eliminate all forms of discrimination,

Convinced that the policy of integration of indigenous populations in the national community, and not segregation or assimilation, is the most appropriate means of eliminating discrimination against those populations,

Convinced also that no integration policy for indigenous populations, whether they represent minority groups or a majority of a country's population, can proceed unless it is accompanied by a policy of economic, social and educational development aimed at achieving a rapid and substantial rise in the living standards of those populations,

Convinced further that every precaution must be taken to ensure that the process of integration is not carried out to the detriment of the institutions and traditions of the indigenous population and that its cultural and historical values are respected,

1. *Recommends* that the Governments of all States having indigenous populations take into account, in their policies of economic and social development, the

special problems of indigenous populations with a view to eliminating prejudice and discrimination against such populations;

2. *Appeals* to the States concerned, if they have not yet done so, to take the appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures to protect the indigenous population and to prevent any discrimination against it;

3. *Invites* all competent organs of the United Nations and, especially, the regional economic commissions and specialized agencies concerned to co-operate with Governments in any actions which they may undertake in compliance with the present resolution;

4. *Recommends* to all States having legislation for the protection of indigenous populations that they review that legislation with a view to determining whether in practice it has not already resulted, or might not result, in discrimination, or whether its effect has been to place unjust and unnecessary restrictions on certain civil and political rights;

5. *Notes with interest* the efforts that have been made in this connexion within the inter-American system and invites the Organization of American States, and particularly its specialized organs and bodies, such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Indian Institute, to assist in the eradication of any kind of discrimination against indigenous populations;

6. *Invites similarly* the specialized organs and bodies of the United Nations and the other regional bodies to take the necessary steps for the same purpose of assisting in the eradication of any discrimination against indigenous populations;

7. *Authorizes* the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to make a complete and comprehensive study of the problem of discrimination against indigenous populations and to suggest the necessary national and international measures for eliminating such discrimination, in co-operation with the other organs and bodies of the United Nations and with the competent international organizations.

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1590 (L). The danger of a revival of nazism and racial intolerance

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting resolution 4 (XXIII) of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁵⁷ and resolution 5 (XXVII) of the Commission on Human Rights⁵⁸ on the danger of a revival of nazism and racial discrimination,

Having considered the special study of racial discrimination in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres,⁵⁹ prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission and, in particular, chapter XII of that study on the danger of the revival of nazism and racial discrimination,

1. *Invites* the General Assembly to resume, as soon as possible, the study of the question of international criminal jurisdiction and the question of the draft code

⁵⁷ See E/CN.4/1040, chapter VIII.

⁵⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4949)*, chapter XIX.

⁵⁹ See foot-note 55.