

10. *Appeals* to all States, United Nations organs, the 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;

11. *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;

12. *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.

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42/57. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and resolution 41/104 of 4 December 1986 on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,² as well as its other relevant resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,³⁰

Reiterating the importance of the Convention, which is the most widely accepted human rights instrument adopted under the auspices of the United Nations, as well as of the contribution of the Committee to United Nations efforts to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Welcoming the report of the Committee covering its 1986 and 1987 sessions,³¹

Reiterating once again the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially the elimination of *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia,

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

Recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the eleventh meeting of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligation under the Convention,

Gravely concerned that, in spite of all the urgent appeals for payment of assessed contributions under the Convention, the situation impeding the proper functioning of the Committee continues to deteriorate,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,³²

1. *Expresses its profound concern* at the fact that a number of States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination have not fulfilled their financial obligations under the Con-

vention, which led to the cancellation of the August 1986 session and the curtailment by two weeks of the August 1987 session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Expresses once again its concern* that such a situation prevented the Committee from submitting an annual report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session as required by the Convention and led to further delay in discharging its substantive obligations under the Convention;

3. *Commends* the Committee for its work with regard to the implementation of the Convention and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee covering its 1986 and 1987 sessions;

5. *Calls upon* States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention and to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention;

6. *Strongly appeals* to all States parties to fulfil without delay their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention so as to enable the Committee to continue its work;

7. *Calls upon* States parties to explore, at their next meeting on 15 January 1988, all appropriate avenues and to take a decision that would enable the Committee to meet regularly in the future;

8. *Invites* the States parties to consider, pending a fully satisfactory solution to the current financial difficulties, the possibility, as an exceptional measure, of the Committee holding one extended session per year;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the financial situation of the Committee;

10. *Decides* to consider the report at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination".

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42/58. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its pertinent resolutions, including resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,³³ and resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which it, *inter alia*, proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 41/106 of 4 December 1986 and reaffirming all of its provisions,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/43 of 28 May 1987, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to make all appropriate efforts to mobilize international support and action for the Decade,

Further taking note of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,²¹ adopted by the Interregional Consultation

³⁰ Resolution 38/14.

³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/42/18).*

³² A/42/468 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

³³ A/37/351/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,

Bearing in mind that 1987 marks the mid-point of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and that, in the review being conducted on the implementation of the World Programme of Action, the most important criteria for evaluation are suggested by the theme of the International Year of Disabled Persons, "Full participation and equality",

Noting with satisfaction the concrete measures already carried out by the Governments of Member States, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Noting the important work currently being effected by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on human rights and disability, which could serve as a useful basis for the continued efforts to ensure for disabled persons the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the United Nations system and by non-governmental organizations concerned to monitor the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Reiterating the need for greater publicity to revitalize the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recognizing the pivotal role of the United Nations in promoting the exchange of information, experience and expertise and closer regional and interregional co-operation towards more effective strategies and policies to advance the status and welfare of disabled persons,

Stressing that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat is the focal point within the United Nations for the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action,

Concerned that, at the mid-point of the Decade, the resource base of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons is significantly reduced from that prevailing during the first half of the Decade, and that unless this trend is reversed, the resources of the Fund will be depleted and operational activities will lapse well before the end of the Decade in 1992,

Mindful that, since developing countries are experiencing difficulties in mobilizing resources, international co-operation should be encouraged to assist in national efforts to implement the World Programme of Action and to achieve the objectives of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,³⁴

Also taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the first half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,³⁵

1. *Reaffirms* the validity of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and urges Member States to rededicate themselves to its early and effective implementation;

2. *Invites* those Member States that have not done so to establish national committees in consultation with disabled persons and their organizations as focal points for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons;

3. *Once again invites* Member States to reinforce national committees as focal points for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, to stimulate activities at the national level, to mobilize public opinion on behalf of the Decade, to participate in the implementation of disability projects with regard to the International Year of Disabled Persons and to assist in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action during the second half of the Decade;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider convening during the second half of the Decade, within existing resources, an interregional meeting of representatives of national committees for disabled persons with a view to enhancing the capabilities of such committees through an exchange of views and information;

5. *Invites* Member States to incorporate in their national development plans and strategies projects to assist disabled persons and to include such projects in the country programmes of the United Nations Development Programme;

6. *Renews its invitation* to all States to give high priority to projects concerning the prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation and the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons within the framework of bilateral assistance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage all organs and bodies of the United Nations system, including regional commissions, international organizations and the specialized agencies, to take into consideration the specific needs of disabled persons when elaborating their programmes and operational activities;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General and Member States to encourage real involvement of disabled persons in United Nations programmes and activities, *inter alia*, through the provision of employment opportunities;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, within existing resources, alternative structures so as to ensure that the issue of disability is accorded high visibility and to develop the Disabled Persons Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as a specialized facilitating agent engaging the available resources of the United Nations system and relevant networks outside the United Nations;

10. *Invites* the Centre to expand its close collaboration with non-governmental organizations and to consult with them on a regular and systematic basis on matters relating to the implementation of the World Programme of Action;

11. *Calls upon* Member States, national committees, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to assist in a global information campaign to publicize the Decade through all appropriate means;

12. *Recognizes* the important role of non-governmental organizations, especially those representing disabled persons, in the effective implementation of the World Programme of Action, in raising international awareness of the concerns of disabled persons and in monitoring and evaluating progress achieved during the Decade;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to administer donated funds, using them for projects under the present structure of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, and, in addition, to

³⁴ A/42/551.

³⁵ A/42/561.

continue to make new provisions in order to offer a selection of projects to donor countries that may be willing to finance a particular programme under the "Special Purpose Contributions";

14. *Reaffirms* that the resources of the Voluntary Fund should be used to support catalytic and innovative activities in order to implement further the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with priority given, as appropriate, to programmes and projects of the least developed countries;

15. *Invites* Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue their contributions to the Voluntary Fund, and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund so as to enable it to respond effectively to the growing demand for assistance;

16. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Sweden for having acted as host to the Global Meeting of Experts to Review the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons at the Mid-Point of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, held at Stockholm from 17 to 22 August 1987, and to the experts who participated;

17. *Requests* Member States and all relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system to submit to the Secretary-General their comments on the recommendations outlined in paragraphs 10 to 39 of the report of the Global Meeting of Experts,³⁶ as well as on the report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons during the first half of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons³⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1988;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons".

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42/59. Crime prevention and criminal justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 (C) (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, the importance of which was reaffirmed by the Assembly in its resolution 41/107 of 4 December 1986,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, *inter alia*, the reduction of criminality, encouragement of more efficient and effective administration of justice, observance of all human rights and promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recognizing the crucial functions of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in developing practical crime prevention and criminal justice policies and strategies as a standing expert body of the Economic and Social Council and as a preparatory body for the quinquennial United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Noting with concern that the significant increase in the work-load of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to the follow-up to the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, has not been matched by corresponding adjustments in the level of resources needed to discharge this work-load and to implement properly the additional work mandated by the policy-making bodies,

Acknowledging that the serious constraints on the human and financial resources available to the Secretariat for work in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice may jeopardize the progress achieved to date, as well as future activities,

Reaffirming that the quinquennial congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders are of fundamental importance to progress in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and provide unique opportunities for focusing on specific priority problems, as well as for assessing general trends and sharing perspectives, establishing norms and standards and evaluating their implementation, monitoring the results of the United Nations programme of work as a whole and setting priorities for action in the following quinquennium,

Recognizing the pivotal role of the United Nations, through its programme activities and congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in promoting the exchange of expertise and experience and closer international co-operation in this field,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice;³⁷

2. *Urges* Member States and the Secretary-General to make every effort to translate into action, as appropriate, the respective recommendations, policies and conclusions stemming from the Milan Plan of Action and other relevant resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders³⁸ and to accord priority attention to the forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action through strengthening international co-operation;

3. *Welcomes* the results of the comprehensive review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice conducted by the Secretary-General³⁹ and considered by the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control;

4. *Approves* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/11 of 21 May 1986 and 1987/53 of 28 May 1987, and requests the Secretary-General and the relevant bodies to take appropriate measures for their full and prompt implementation, pay-

³⁷ A/42/453.

³⁸ See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1).

³⁹ E/1987/43.

³⁶ See CSDHA/DDP/GME/7 of 1 September 1987.