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TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES AGAINST *apartheid*

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2671 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970,

Noting the opposition of the international trade union movement to *apartheid* and racial discrimination,

Convinced of the need to promote concerted action by the trade union movement at the national and international levels in the campaign against *apartheid*,

Noting that the question of *apartheid* will be before the International Labour Conference at its fifty-seventh session, to be held at Geneva in June 1972,

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* concerning ways and means of promoting concerted action against *apartheid* by the trade union movements,²¹

1. Appeals to all national and international trade union organizations to intensify their action against *apartheid*, in particular by:

(a) Discouraging the emigration of skilled workers to South Africa;

(b) Taking appropriate action in connexion with the infringements of trade union rights and the persecution of trade unionists in South Africa;

(c) Exerting maximum pressure on foreign economic and financial interests which are profiting from racial discrimination against non-white workers in South Africa, in order to persuade them to cease such exploitation;

(d) Co-operating with other organizations engaged in the international campaign against *apartheid*;

2. Decides to give further consideration to the proposed international trade union conference at its twenty-seventh session;

3. Requests and authorizes the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to send a mission to hold consultative meetings, if possible, with the workers' representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the International Labour Conference, to consider lines of action which the trade union movement may take against *apartheid*, including the holding of the international trade union conference, and to invite representatives of international and regional trade union federations to those consultative meetings;

4. Requests the International Labour Organisation and invites the workers' representatives to lend their co-operation to the Special Committee on *Apartheid* in preparing and holding the consultative meetings.

1997th plenary meeting,
29 November 1971.

2791 (XXVI). Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970 and 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and

Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,²²

Taking into account the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1970 to 30 June 1971,²³

Taking note of the joint appeal made by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General on 17 November 1971,²⁴

Recognizing with grave concern that the financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East continues to be acute, thereby imminently endangering the already minimum services being provided to Palestine refugees,

Emphasizing the urgent need for extraordinary efforts and exceptional measures in order to maintain, at least at their present level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. Commends the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its work and approves its report, drawing special attention to the conclusions and recommendations contained in chapter V of that report;

2. Requests the Working Group to continue its work for one year in accordance with the provisions of its previous mandate and, as appropriate, to pursue urgently with Governments, both bilaterally and on a regional basis, with specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, and with other organizations and individuals concerned, the implementation of the recommendations approved by the General Assembly in the present resolution, as well as the implementation of other resolutions relating to the mandate of the Working Group;

3. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1565 (L) of 3 May 1971, and in particular urges serious consideration and early implementation of paragraph 5 of that resolution;

4. Supports the joint appeal made by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to Governments to join in the collective effort to solve the financial crisis of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

5. Requests the Working Group, after consultation with all concerned, in particular the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and taking into account the views expressed in the course of the debate during the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly relevant to the mandate of the Working Group, to prepare and submit a comprehensive report on all aspects of the financing of the Agency to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

2001st plenary meeting,
6 December 1971.

²² A/8476.

²³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/8413).

²⁴ A/8526.

²¹ A/8515/Rev.1.