

Health Organization by the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

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**31/126. Emergency assistance for South African refugee students**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/6 I of 9 November 1976 relating to the item entitled "Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa",

*Noting*, in particular, that paragraph 12 of the above-mentioned resolution calls upon Member States and the specialized agencies, through emergency joint projects and financial assistance, to help Lesotho and other countries bordering South Africa to ensure the provision of educational facilities to the rapidly growing number of refugee students from South Africa,

*Concerned* about the continuing influx of refugees, including in particular large numbers of South African students fleeing to the bordering States of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, thus imposing a heavy burden on the limited resources and employment opportunities of these countries,

1. *Reaffirms* that humanitarian assistance by the international community to all those persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia is appropriate and essential;

2. *Recognizes* the urgent need to organize an effective programme of international assistance to help in dealing with the recent South African student refugee problem in countries bordering South Africa;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to consult with the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland and the liberation movements concerned with a view to taking immediate steps to organize and provide appropriate emergency financial and other forms of assistance for the care, subsistence and education of these refugee students;

4. *Urges* all States to respond generously to any appeals which the Secretary-General might make for assistance for these refugees;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and other United Nations bodies and organs, as may be appropriate, to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the programme of assistance;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under review and to report to the General Assembly as and when necessary.

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**31/127. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>49</sup> and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,<sup>50</sup>

*Considering* the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961<sup>51</sup> and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,<sup>52</sup>

*Considering also* the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975,<sup>53</sup> and the Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975,<sup>54</sup> adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

*Recalling* its resolutions 2920 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972, 3224 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 and 3449 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 concerning migrant workers, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1749 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, in which the Council affirmed the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an inter-related manner and in relation to general factors which have a bearing on human rights and human dignity,

*Aware* that the problem of migrant workers continues to be of major importance to many States, despite the existence of international instruments and despite efforts exerted by certain States, including the adoption of bilateral agreements,

*Believing* that this problem is becoming more serious in certain regions for political, economic, social and cultural reasons,

*Seriously concerned* at the *de facto* discrimination frequently suffered by alien workers in some countries despite the legislative and other efforts exerted to prevent and punish it,

*Noting with satisfaction* the work done in the field of migrant workers by the specialized agencies, particularly the International Labour Organisation, and by other United Nations organs, such as the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

1. *Calls upon* all States, taking into account the provisions of the relevant instruments adopted by the International Labour Organisation and of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, to take measures to prevent and put an end to all discrimination against migrant workers and to ensure the implementation of such measures;

2. *Invites* all States:

(a) To extend to migrant workers having regular status in their territories treatment equal to that enjoyed by their own nationals with regard to the protection of human rights and to the provisions of their labour legislation and their social legislation;

<sup>49</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>50</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

<sup>51</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310, p. 95.

<sup>52</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 596, No. 8638, p. 261.

<sup>53</sup> International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. LVIII, 1975, Series A, No. 1, Convention No. 143.

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, Recommendation No. 151.

(b) To promote and facilitate by all means in their power the implementation of the relevant international instruments and the adoption of bilateral agreements designed, *inter alia*, to eliminate the illicit traffic in alien workers;

(c) To adopt, pending the conclusion of such agreements, the appropriate measures to ensure that the fundamental human rights of all migrant workers, irrespective of their immigration status, are fully respected under their national legislation;

3. *Invites* Governments of host countries to make arrangements for information and reception facilities and to put into effect policies relating to training, health, housing and educational and cultural development for migrant workers and their families, and to guarantee the free exercise by them of activities calculated to preserve their cultural values;

4. *Further invites* Governments of countries of origin to give the widest possible dissemination to information calculated to pre-advise and protect migrants;

5. *Invites* all States to intensify efforts to enlighten public opinion in host countries on the importance of the contribution made by migrant workers to economic and social development and to raising the level of living in such countries;

6. *Calls upon* all States to give consideration to ratifying the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975, adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation;

7. *Calls upon* the United Nations organs and specialized agencies, including the International Labour Organisation, concerned with the question of migrant workers to continue devoting their attention to this question;

8. *Recommends* that the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council should consider this question at their next sessions on the basis of the instruments adopted and the documents and studies prepared by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, including the study by the Special Rapporteur on the exploitation of labour through illicit and clandestine trafficking<sup>55</sup> and the report of the Seminar on the Human Rights of Migrant Workers, held at Tunis from 12 to 24 November 1975.<sup>56</sup>

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### **31/128. Human rights and scientific and technological developments**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2450 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2721 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 3026 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3150 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 3268 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind, proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 3384 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

*Convinced* that the application of scientific and technological progress in the interests of peace and for the benefit of mankind is an important factor for the observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms,

*Noting* that the achievements of scientific and technological progress have a great influence on the course of social and economic development in both the developed and the developing countries,

*Expressing its concern* at the fact that scientific and technological achievements may be used to the detriment of fundamental human rights and freedoms, the dignity of the human person, international peace and security and social progress,

1. *Calls upon* Member States, in their programmes and plans, to take account of the provisions and principles contained in the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind;

2. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies to take fully into account, in their programmes and activities, the pertinent provisions of the Proclamation of Teheran<sup>57</sup> and the provisions of the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, in its consideration of the question of scientific and technological progress and human rights, to give special attention to the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration;

4. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-second session the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration under the item entitled "Human rights and scientific and technological developments".

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### **31/129. Policies and programmes relating to youth**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2447 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969, 2633 (XXV) of 11 November 1970, 2770 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971, 3022 (XXVII) and 3023 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and 3141 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

*Noting with satisfaction* that, in the eleven years since the promulgation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, substantial progress has been made in implementing its principles,

*Reaffirming* the principles inscribed in the Declaration and the importance of their universal implementation,

*Emphasizing* that efforts to educate youth in those principles must be closely related to programmes for their active involvement in all aspects of economic and social life,

<sup>55</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.640.

<sup>56</sup> ST/TAO/HR/50.

<sup>57</sup> *Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.68.XIV.2), chap. II.