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2633 (XXV). Youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the major role, contribution and participation of youth in the promotion of world peace

and justice, social and economic progress, human rights and fundamental freedoms, self-determination and the emancipation of all peoples in building a better future,

Recognizing the positive influence of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the ideas, needs and aspirations of youth and its awareness of the serious problems confronting the world today,

Expressing concern at the fact that armed conflicts are continuing and acts of aggression are being committed in various parts of the world, bringing death, injury and suffering to various segments of the population, particularly young people,

Aware of the fact that the present slow progress in the realization of the principles and objectives of the Charter and the usurpation of the inalienable rights of peoples give rise to restlessness among youth,

Taking into account that at their gatherings young people have expressed their positive attitudes towards the principles embodied in the Charter, their strong support for peace, justice and international security, their firm stand against the continuance of colonialism and subjugation of peoples to alien domination, foreign rule or occupation, wars of aggression, *apartheid* and all racist ideologies and policies which constitute a major source of the present unrest and dissatisfaction among young people,

Noting the discontent of youth with the slow progress made in the development of the developing countries, with the ever growing economic and technological gap and the widening disparities in the levels of living between the developed and the developing countries, and with unemployment,

Noting further that young people are aware of the need for many developed countries to make greater efforts to contribute to the development of the developing countries,

Recognizing the important role of the family in the education of youth in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing the expressed desire of youth to have the United Nations become a truly universal organization in order to achieve better international relations and to end the arms race and power politics,

Welcoming the fact that the World Youth Assembly, convened by the General Assembly as a part of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, provided a platform for fruitful exchanges among its participants and a forum through which youth could support the activities of the United Nations and its system of organizations,

Taking note of the activities and the message of the World Youth Assembly,¹ held at United Nations Headquarters from 9 to 17 July 1970,

Taking note further of the report of the Seminar on the Role of Youth in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, held at Belgrade from 2 to 12 June 1970,²

1. *Reaffirms* the provisions of its resolutions 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2445 (XXIII) and 2447 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 and 2497 (XXIV) of 23 October 1969;

2. *Considers* that the efforts of young people should be directed towards strengthening peace based on justice and friendship among peoples, against the threat of war, against all forms of oppression and exploitation and towards the development of fruitful economic, scientific and cultural co-operation among all countries;

3. *Emphasizes* the efforts of the World Youth Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Governments and the specialized agencies concerned on

the possibility of convening, in the future, world youth assemblies in the light of the experience gained during the organization of the first World Youth Assembly, especially keeping in mind the need for rules of procedure that ensure fair treatment and the full participation of all youth representatives, for a truly universal representation and for the strict observance of freedom of speech, as well as the financial implications and other relevant aspects, and to submit, when appropriate, a report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

5. *Recognizes* the valuable contribution to international understanding made by youth organizations, both national and international, and calls upon them to intensify their efforts to encourage contacts between youth in the world;

6. *Emphasizes* the urgency of youth's participation in the social, economic, political, cultural and other domains of human activities;

7. *Further emphasizes* that it is necessary and important that young people should be fully aware of the positive and specific role they should play in the development of their countries, and of the duties incumbent upon them by virtue of the very exercise of their rights;

8. *Welcomes* the generous contribution to voluntary services which youth is already making;

9. *Calls upon* Governments, all institutions of learning, the United Nations organs and the specialized agencies concerned and all other organizations concerned to act in such a way as to ensure the education of young people in the spirit of the ideas of peace based on justice, co-operation among peoples, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the principles of international law, and also to take effective steps to combat propaganda in favour of unjust wars, as well as to combat racist, Nazi and similar ideologies;

10. *Considers* it important that young people of all countries of the world should resolutely oppose military and other action designed to suppress the liberation movements of peoples still under colonial, racist or alien domination and under military occupation, and should support those peoples in every way possible in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the decisions of United Nations organs recognizing the legitimacy of the struggle of the peoples for their freedom and independence, in their efforts to attain independence in accordance with the inalienable right of self-determination;

11. *Urges* Governments to respond to the aspirations of youth and to take further urgent and effective measures, in accordance with the principles of the Charter, to support the struggle for peace and justice, international security, self-determination, the liberation of peoples and territories subjected to racist, colonial and alien domination, the elimination of colonial and foreign occupation, non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, respect for the territorial integrity and independence of States and the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and to eradicate racism, nazism and similar totalitarian ideologies and practices which are based on terror and racial intolerance, *apartheid* and all other forms of discrimination;

12. *Recommends* that youth be fully involved in the efforts to accelerate the over-all growth of developing countries, bearing in mind the special social and economic situation of youth in these countries;

¹ See *World Youth Assembly*, document 56/WYA/P/10.

² ST/TAQ/HR/39.

13. *Calls upon* the developed countries to respond to the appeal of young people to provide financial and other assistance to the developing countries in their efforts to carry out their developmental policies in order to implement the aims of the Second United Nations Development Decade;

14. *Requests* Governments and educational institutions, taking into account in particular the relevant studies and recommendations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to encourage, as appropriate, closer association of young people in the planning and management of education programmes so as to enable them to participate in the solution of their own problems, in the over-all development of educational systems and in the planning and operation of governmental programmes designed to serve youth;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to undertake, on a regional and on a world-wide basis, programmes and projects related to the problems and needs of youth, especially those of the handicapped, young workers and rural youth, and their participation in national development, as well as their role in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to co-operate closely, as appropriate, with youth organizations;

16. *Decides* to resume the consideration of this item in the future, taking into account in particular the advisability of considering the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples.

*1901st plenary meeting,
11 November 1970.*

2643 (XXV). Assistance to Pakistan in connexion with the cyclone and tidal bore of November 1970

The General Assembly,

Deeply grieved over the immense loss of human life and destruction of property as a result of the recent severe cyclone and tidal bore in East Pakistan,

Recalling its resolution 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1533 (XLIX) and 1546 (XLIX) of 23 and 30 July 1970,

Aware of the immediate and effective measures taken by the Government of Pakistan to provide relief for the victims of the disaster and to restore satisfactory living conditions in the devastated areas,

Aware also that the assistance envisaged in cases of natural disaster in resolution 2435 (XXIII) is inadequate for relief in calamities of major magnitude,

Believing that assistance to a Member State which has suffered a natural disaster of such magnitude is an expression of international solidarity,

Bearing in mind that immediate relief assistance at the international level should be followed by concerted action for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the disaster areas,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and the Government of Pakistan on the loss of life and the devastation caused by the recent disaster;

2. *Appeals* to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agen-

cies and to governmental and non-governmental organizations to make generous contributions through the United Nations system or other channels for emergency relief to the victims of the disaster;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, Member States, specialized agencies and other members of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Food Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and also governmental and non-governmental organizations, to provide the largest possible volume of resources in order to assist the Government of Pakistan in implementing the programmes it envisages for reconstruction, rehabilitation and development in the afflicted area;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in exercising his functions relating to natural disasters, to take steps to ensure the fullest possible co-ordination of the assistance to be provided through the United Nations, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, and to co-operate with other international sources of such assistance.

*1913th plenary meeting,
20 November 1970.*

2646 (XXV). Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination

The General Assembly,

Convinced as ever before that *apartheid* constitutes a crime against humanity,

Aware that racism and *apartheid* continue to be instruments of colonialism, imperialism and economic exploitation, and that they are a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Concerned that numerous resolutions have been adopted, but with little or no effect on the evils of racism and all other forms of racial discrimination,

Alarmed that South Africa blatantly continues to pursue its policy of racial discrimination and *apartheid* in flagrant violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant United Nations resolutions,

Considering that the extensive arms build-up of the military forces in southern Africa poses a real threat to the security and sovereignty of independent African States opposed to racial discrimination and to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Noting with grave concern that the white racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia continues to operate illegally and that the measures so far taken by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the administering Power, to bring down the rebellion have proved insufficient and ineffective,

Convinced that the Security Council's mandatory sanctions against the illegal minority régime of South-