

eral's report on youth and the conclusions of the Seminar on Youth and Human Rights<sup>43</sup> that was held at San Remo, Italy, from 28 August to 10 September 1973;

2. *Appeals* to Member States to intensify their efforts to implement the principles contained in international instruments adopted in various fields regarding youth by the United Nations and the specialized agencies and to implement the proposals for action contained in the Secretary-General's report, particularly:

(a) To gear their educational policies and programmes to the task of ensuring educational opportunities and education more relevant to the preparation of youth for full participation in all aspects of life and development;

(b) To formulate health policies, implement health programmes and, where appropriate and in accordance with national priorities, make available information and services relating to communicable diseases, narcotic drugs and population programmes, in order to ensure that young people are able to take advantage of the opportunities open to them;

(c) To adopt all possible means to increase work opportunities in order to reduce or eliminate unemployment among young people;

(d) To increase opportunities for youth to participate in all aspects of national and international life, especially in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Calls upon* the competent bodies of the United Nations to provide more educational and training facilities at all levels to the youth of southern Africa and of the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Calls upon* international, regional and non-governmental organizations, in co-operation with youth and youth organizations, to undertake a concerted review and appraisal of their policies and programmes for youth, both in rural and urban areas, in the light of the report of the Secretary-General, with particular relevance to education, training, employment and participation in decision-making, in order to enable them to meet more satisfactorily the needs of youth and to enable it to play a more effective role in promoting economic and social development and peace in the world;

5. *Recommends* that United Nations reports on youth should give more attention to the role of youth in the world of today and its role in the actions of peoples aimed at realizing fully the principles of the Charter of the United Nations for peace and international co-operation and for the liquidation of colonialism, alien domination, racial discrimination and *apartheid*, and at promoting progress and justice throughout the world;

6. *Requests* the competent and concerned organizations of the United Nations system to give continued attention to regional and international meetings on the major problems of concern to the young generation and to other appropriate actions in which youth and national and international youth organizations may effectively participate;

7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to invite the Commission for Social Development to study the possibility of redefining an international policy con-

cerning the involvement of youth at the national and international levels, including the advisability of an international document on youth, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, relevant provisions contained in existing international instruments and the views expressed by Governments of Member States and by interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, and to submit recommendations to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be transmitted to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with Governments, the specialized agencies, interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and youth organizations, to assemble data on the problems confronting youth and on the manner in which these problems are being treated by the organs and executive bodies of the United Nations system, to prepare a report designed to facilitate planning, especially for developing countries, and to submit it to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second session, through the Commission for Social Development, and to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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### 3141 (XXVIII). Youth, its education and its responsibilities in the world of today

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2445 (XXIII) and 2447 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969 on youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development,

*Recalling, inter alia*, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>44</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination<sup>45</sup> and the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,<sup>46</sup>

*Recognizing* the important role which the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the Governments of Member States must play to enable youth to meet the challenge of the unprecedented development of science and technology,

*Recognizing further* the importance of the role of youth and its contribution to economic and social progress and to peace and international solidarity,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>47</sup> on the world social situation of youth,

1. *Invites the attention* of Member States to their responsibility for maintaining a policy conforming to the principles of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and conducive to the elimination of colonialism, racism, *apartheid* and similar policies, thus preserving and strengthening the faith of youth in these values;

<sup>44</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>45</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

<sup>46</sup> Resolution 2037 (XX).

<sup>47</sup> E/CN.5/486 and Corr.1, E/CN.5/486/Add.1 and Corr.1; E/CN.5/486/Summary and Corr.1.

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of increased co-ordination between United Nations organs and the specialized agencies in the activities and programmes relating to youth and of continuing co-operation with the Governments of Member States, in order to achieve an effective and harmonious approach to the problems confronting youth;

3. *Solemnly invites* all young people to affirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations in order to further the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding among peoples;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance for the administering Powers of urgently undertaking all necessary measures to further by all appropriate means and in conformity with the Charter the education and training of youth in the countries and territories still under colonial and alien domination and foreign occupation, with a view to expediting their liberation and the full exercise of their right to self-determination;

5. *Urges* Governments to ensure to youth:

(a) More favourable conditions in the fields of education, training, health, social welfare and employment;

(b) An appropriate opportunity to participate in the preparation and implementation of national development plans and in programmes of international co-operation;

(c) The possibility of participating in decisions on questions of national interest, particularly those which concern youth;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**3142 (XXVIII). Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>48</sup> on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>49</sup>

*Convinced* that the coming into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights will greatly enhance the ability of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and will contribute to the attainment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolution 3025 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and in particular the hope expressed that Member States would find it possible to take ap-

propriate action with a view to accelerating the process of ratification or accession to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

*Noting with appreciation* that following its appeal some Member States have acceded to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

*Recalling also* that, in its resolution 3060 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 relating to the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the General Assembly invited States which had not yet done so to ratify, *inter alia*, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

1. *Reiterates its hope* that such action on the part of Member States will be further continued;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 2788 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971, to prepare, on the basis of reports from Governments, and submit to the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session a report on the measures taken or envisaged by Member States with a view to accelerating the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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**3143 (XXVIII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees concerning the activities of his Office<sup>50</sup> and having heard his statement,<sup>51</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the manner in which the High Commissioner has, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, carried out essential humanitarian actions,

*Bearing in mind* the importance of the increasingly useful co-operation between the High Commissioner and other members of the United Nations system, resulting in better co-ordination of action and greater efficiency in fields of common interest,

*Recognizing* the importance of voluntary repatriation as a permanent solution to the refugee problem and the useful role played by the High Commissioner in co-operation with other members of the United Nations system and non-governmental agencies in assisting them,

*Noting with satisfaction* the increasing number of Governments contributing to the High Commissioner's Programme and the generous attitude adopted by Gov-

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/9012 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 12A (A/9012/Add.1) and Supplement No. 12B (A/9012/Add.2).*

<sup>51</sup> *Ibid., Twenty-eighth Session, Third Committee, 2038th meeting, paras. 1-8.*

<sup>48</sup> A/9140 and Add.1.

<sup>49</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.