

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the question of publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization;

2. *Reaffirms* the vital importance of urgently effecting the widest possible dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of colonialism, in particular the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the peoples in the colonial Territories in Africa, as well as the efforts being made by the international community to assist in the elimination of the remaining vestiges of colonialism in all its forms;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, to the situation in the colonial Territories and to the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples and, *inter alia*:

(a) To intensify the activities of all information centres, particularly those located in western Europe, and also to establish additional information centres where appropriate, especially in southern Africa;

(b) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic consultations and by systematically exchanging relevant information with that organization;

(c) To enlist, from the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and from those non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, support in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(d) To publish, in consultation with the Special Committee, the periodical *Objective: Justice* and the bulletin "United Nations and Southern Africa" in other languages besides English and French, as appropriate;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the relevant provisions of the programme of action adopted by the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa,¹⁸ to establish a Unit on Decolonization within the Department of Political Affairs, Trusteeship and Decolonization which will, in consultation with the Special Committee and with the Office of Public Information, collect, prepare and disseminate, on a continuous basis, basic material, studies and articles relating to the problems of decolonization, and, to that end, to make provision for the necessary personnel and facilities;

5. *Requests* Member States, in particular the administering Powers, to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to him under paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, to undertake or intensify, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and within their respective spheres of competence, the large-scale dissemination of the information referred to in paragraph 2 above;

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 49 (86).

7. *Welcomes* the decision of the non-governmental organizations concerned with decolonization and *apartheid* to hold at Geneva, in 1974, a conference on colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa and to invite the participation of the United Nations organs concerned, and requests the Secretary-General to provide conference facilities for that purpose;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the effective dissemination of information on decolonization and, in particular, to hold consultations, as appropriate, with the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements concerned, as well as with the non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization;

10. *Further requests* the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

2202nd plenary meeting
14 December 1973

3165 (XXVIII). International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2910 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972,

Recognizing the need for concerted international efforts to hasten the eradication of the scourge of colonialism and *apartheid*, thereby promoting international peace and security,

1. *Again reiterates* the firm intention of the United Nations, acting in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁹ on the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and *Apartheid* in Southern Africa, held at Oslo from 9 to 14 April 1973, in pursuance of resolution 2910 (XXVII);

3. *Commends* the proposals for a programme of action highlighted by the Conference¹⁷ to the attention of United Nations organs, the organizations within the United Nations system and the Organization of African Unity, as well as to the attention of Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public.

2202nd plenary meeting
14 December 1973

3181 (XXVIII). Credentials of representatives to the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly²⁰

The General Assembly

I

Approves the credentials of the representatives of Portugal, on the clear understanding that they represent

¹⁹ A/9061.

²⁰ See also "Other decisions", p. 10.

Portugal as it exists within its frontiers in Europe and that they do not represent the Portuguese-dominated Territories of Angola and Mozambique nor could they represent Guinea-Bissau, which is an independent State;

II

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.²¹

*2204th plenary meeting
17 December 1973*

3186 (XXVIII). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the Security Council covering the period from 16 June 1972 to 15 June 1973,²² submitted in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 2991 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972,

Having received the report of the Secretary-General²³ submitted in accordance with resolution 2991 (XXVII),

Noting the views and suggestions submitted by Member States as contained in annex II to the Secretary-General's report,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Security Council covering the period from 16 June 1972 to 15 June 1973;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2991 (XXVII);

3. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council, when considering steps to enhance its effectiveness in accordance with the principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, to the views and suggestions submitted by Member States in response to General Assembly resolutions 2864 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and 2991 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, as contained in the annexes to the Secretary-General's reports submitted in accordance with these resolutions;²⁴

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Security Council any further views and suggestions which might be submitted by Member States in response to resolutions 2864 (XXVI) and 2991 (XXVII).

*2205th plenary meeting
18 December 1973*

²¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/9179/Add.1.

²² *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/9002).

²³ A/9143.

²⁴ A/8847, annex, A/8847/Add.1 and A/9143, annex II.

3187 (XXVIII). Restitution of works of art to countries victims of expropriation

The General Assembly,

Aware of the paramount aims of the United Nations and particularly of its faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,²⁵

Considering the conclusions of the Fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Algiers from 5 to 9 September 1973, particularly paragraph 18 of the Political Declaration,²⁶

Noting with interest the work of the third Congress of the International Association of Art Critics held at Kinshasa-N'Sélé, Zaire, from 14 to 17 September 1973,

Recalling the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its sixteenth session, on 14 November 1970,

Stressing that the cultural heritage of a people conditions the present and future flowering of its artistic values and its over-all development,

Convinced that the promotion of national culture can enhance a people's ability to understand the culture and civilization of other peoples and thus can have a favourable impact on international co-operation,

Deploping the wholesale removal, virtually without payment, of *objets d'art* from one country to another, frequently as a result of colonial or foreign occupation,

Convinced that the restitution of such works would make good the serious damage suffered by countries as a result of such removal,

1. *Affirms* that the prompt restitution to a country of its *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, manuscripts and documents by another country, without charge, is calculated to strengthen international co-operation inasmuch as it constitutes just reparation for damage done;

2. *Recognizes* the special obligations in this connexion of those countries which had access to such valuable objects only as a result of colonial or foreign occupation;

3. *Calls upon* all the States concerned to prohibit the expropriation of works of art from Territories still under colonial or alien domination;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Member States, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the progress achieved.

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18 December 1973*

²⁵ Resolution 1514 (XV).

²⁶ A/9330 and Corr.1, p. 9.