

graph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

Noting with appreciation the interest of the Committee when performing its functions under the Convention and the direct involvement of its members in contributing, as appropriate, to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Mindful of the undertaking of States parties to the Convention to engage in no act or practice of racial discrimination against any person, groups of persons or national or ethnic minorities, and to ensure that all public authorities and public institutions, national and local, shall act in conformity with this obligation,

Noting the decisions adopted by the Committee at its ninth and tenth sessions,²⁸

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

2. *Takes note also* of the part of the report of the Committee concerning petitions and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies;²⁹

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee for the work it performs in pursuance of the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing participation of States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in submitting their reports to the Committee and by sending representatives to the Committee when it considers their reports;

5. *Calls upon* all States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to extend their fullest co-operation to the Committee, particularly in providing all necessary information in accordance with article 9 of the Convention and with requests by the Committee;

6. *Endorses* the Committee's decision to make its contribution, in the context of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the Programme for the Decade, to the total and unconditional elimination of racism and racial discrimination in accordance with the powers vested in it by the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, especially by concentrating its efforts, pursuant to articles 3, 9 and 15 of the Convention, on preparing recommendations with regard to the most flagrant and large-scale manifestations of racial discrimination, particularly in areas which are still under the domination of racist and colonial régimes and foreign occupation;

7. *Commends* the practice of the Committee, inaugurated in its adoption of general recommendation III,³⁰ of welcoming information from States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination regarding their respective implementation of the relevant resolutions of competent United Nations organs concerning relations with the racist régimes of southern Africa;

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. VII.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. V.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8718), chap. IX, sect. B, decision 1 (VI).

8. *Shares* the Committee's concern voiced in its decision 1 (X) of 22 August 1974,³¹ relating to the situation in the Golan Heights, in which the Syrian Arab Republic, party to the Convention, has been prevented from fulfilling its obligations under the Convention in part of its territory and, in this connexion, recalls that in section III of General Assembly resolution 2784 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 it endorsed the Committee's decision 4 (IV) of 30 August 1971;³²

9. *Calls upon* States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to observe fully the provisions of the Convention, and other international instruments and agreements to which they are parties concerning the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

10. *Makes an urgent appeal* to States which are not yet parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to ratify or accede to it and, pending such ratification or accession, to be guided by the basic provisions of the Convention in their internal and foreign policies.

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3267 (XXIX). Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3069 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights is currently seized with the task of elaborating a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and has established a Working Group for this purpose,³³

Noting also the intention of the Commission on Human Rights to give priority to the elaboration of the Declaration at its thirty-first session, to be held from 3 February to 7 March 1975,³⁴

Desirous that the elaboration of the Declaration be actively pursued,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights all the opinions expressed and suggestions put forward in the course of the discussion of this question at the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session a single draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" with a view to assessing

³¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/9618), chap. VII, sect. B.

³² *Ibid.*, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8418), chap. VII, sect. B.

³³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464)*, paras. 56-58.

³⁴ See Economic and Social Council decision 14 (LVI) of 17 May 1974.

progress on the elaboration of a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and to considering, completing and adopting, if possible, the Declaration, provided a single draft is completed by the Commission on Human Rights.

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3268 (XXIX). Human rights and scientific and technological developments

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 2450 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, it stated that it shared the concern expressed in the Proclamation of Teheran³⁵ and in resolution XI concerning human rights and scientific and technological developments³⁶ adopted by the International Conference on Human Rights on 12 May 1968, and recalling in particular the idea expressed in that resolution that studies should be carried out in that field which might serve as a basis for drawing up appropriate standards to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Noting that, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 2450 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2721 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 3026 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, and 3149 (XXVIII) and 3150 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, the United Nations and the specialized agencies have already undertaken research and studies concerning the consideration in United Nations organs of the entire problem of the effect of scientific and technological developments on human rights,

Noting with satisfaction that there is an increasingly clear awareness not only of the vast prospects opened up by scientific and technological developments for the realization of human rights and economic, social and cultural development but also of the threats to fundamental rights represented by the abuse of certain scientific discoveries and their applications,

Reaffirming the principles set forth in resolutions 2721 (XXV) and 3150 (XXVIII) whereby it is important to ensure a balance between scientific and technological developments, the intellectual, spiritual and moral advancement of humanity and the improvement of the living conditions of individuals, groups and peoples,

Emphasizing that the establishment of a new international economic order entails, *inter alia*, a fundamental contribution on the part of science and technology to economic and social progress and to the promotion and safeguarding of human rights,

Recognizing that, as stated in the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,³⁷ concerted efforts should be made by the developing countries, with appropriate assistance from the rest of the world community, to expand their capability to apply science and technology for development in accordance with their national development plans and their priorities, so as to enable the technological gap to be significantly reduced,

Noting that, in accordance with the International Development Strategy, developed and developing countries and competent international organizations should draw up and implement a programme for promoting the transfer of technology to developing countries,

Aware that when modern technology is introduced into the developing countries it may pose problems comparable to those which affect the developed countries and also poses specific problems of adaptation which the organizations in the United Nations system have begun to analyse,

Convinced that the implications of scientific and technological developments, which cannot always be clearly foreseen, are international in character and call for both national and international solutions,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2 (XXX) of 12 February 1974,³⁸

Having studied the reports of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,³⁹

1. *Considers*, while acknowledging the indispensable role of science and technology for development, that it is necessary, on the one hand, to ensure that scientific and technological developments are not used in a manner contrary to the principles of international law and, on the other hand, to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in situations of scientific and technological development, taking into account the political, economic and social context of the different countries considered;

2. *Draws the attention* of States to the advantages which may be derived from the elaboration and adoption, by the competent national authorities, of measures designed to adapt national legislation and practices, where appropriate, not only to take account of new technology but also to safeguard the fundamental rights of the individual and of groups or organizations in all sectors of social life, and invites Governments which already have experience in this field to transmit to the Secretary-General the information available to them;

3. *Draws the attention* of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to the importance of collecting qualified opinions in the study of such problems, particularly with regard to a code of ethics, and requests them to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the present resolution in liaison, in particular, with the Committee on Science and Technology for Development and the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, which are invited to follow these problems as a whole at regular intervals;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization, to go into greater detail in the studies which they are pursuing and to consider the preparation of recommendations concerning international standards in the areas within their competence which fall within the purview of the present resolution,

³⁵ Final Act of the International Conference on Human Rights (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.68.XIV.2), p. 3.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 12.

³⁷ Resolution 2626 (XXV).

³⁸ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464), chap. XIX.

³⁹ See A/9645.