

Stressing that the cultural heritage of a people conditions the flowering of its artistic values and its over-all development, which are tokens of its authenticity,

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,

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

2. *Recognizes* in this connexion the special obligations incumbent upon those countries which had access to such valuable objects, either through particular claims or on other pretexts, as a result of their rule over or their occupation of a foreign territory;

3. *Calls upon* all States concerned to protect and safeguard the works of art which are still in Territories under their domination;

4. *Invites* Member States to ratify 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 in 1970;

5. *Looks forward* to the meeting of the Committee of Experts to Study the Question of the Restitution of Works of Art, established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to be held at Cairo early in 1976, and expresses the hope that the Committee will adopt adequate measures for the restitution of works of art to countries victims of expropriation;

6. *Calls upon* those States concerned which have not already done so to proceed to the restitution of *objets d'art*, monuments, museum pieces, manuscripts and documents to their countries of origin, such restitution being calculated to strengthen international understanding and co-operation;

7. *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 thirty-second session on the progress achieved.

2410th plenary meeting
19 November 1975

3395 (XXX). Question of Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Cyprus,

Having heard the statements in the debate and taking note of the report of the Special Political Committee,²¹

Noting with concern that four rounds of talks between the representatives of the two communities in pursuance of Security Council resolution 367 (1975) of 12 March 1975 have not yet led to a mutually acceptable settlement,

Deeply concerned at the continuation of the crisis in Cyprus,

Mindful of the need to solve the Cyprus crisis without further delay by peaceful means in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* the urgent need for continued efforts for the effective implementation in all its parts of General

²¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 125, document A/10352.

Assembly resolution 3212 (XXIX) of 1 November 1974 endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 365 (1974) of 13 December 1974 and, to that end,

2. *Calls once again upon* all States to respect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and non-alignment of the Republic of Cyprus and to refrain from all acts and interventions directed against it;

3. *Demands* the withdrawal without further delay of all foreign armed forces and foreign military presence and personnel from the Republic of Cyprus, and the cessation of all foreign interference in its affairs;

4. *Calls upon* the parties concerned to undertake urgent measures to facilitate the voluntary return of all refugees to their homes in safety and to settle all other aspects of the refugee problem;

5. *Calls for* the immediate resumption in a meaningful and constructive manner of the negotiations between the representatives of the two communities, under the auspices of the Secretary-General, to be conducted freely on an equal footing with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable agreement based on their fundamental and legitimate rights;

6. *Urges* all parties to refrain from unilateral actions in contravention of resolution 3212 (XXIX), including changes in the demographic structure of Cyprus;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his role in the negotiations between the representatives of the two communities;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Security Council and to report on its implementation as soon as appropriate and not later than 31 March 1976;

9. *Calls upon* all parties to continue to co-operate fully with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus;

10. *Decides* to remain seized of this question.

2413th plenary meeting
20 November 1975

3412 (XXX). Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, including in particular resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twelfth ordinary session, held at Kampala from 28 July to 1 August 1975,²²

Taking into account the important statement made by the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at the 2370th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 1 October 1975,

Noting with satisfaction the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to help solve the serious problems which principally affect southern Africa,

Aware of the urgent need to give increased assistance to the victims of colonialism, racial discrimination and

²² A/10297, annex II.

apartheid as a result of intensified acts of repression against the African peoples by the Government of South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe),

Conscious of the need to take effective steps for the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the struggle of the African peoples concerned for their liberation from colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Bearing in mind the positive results achieved in the work of the United Nations bodies concerned as a direct consequence of the participation of representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in the relevant proceedings of these bodies in an observer capacity,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity²³ and commends his efforts in promoting such co-operation;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the outstanding contribution made by the Organization of African Unity in the relevant work of the United Nations bodies concerned, including in particular the positive role played by the Administrative Secretary-General and the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity;

3. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations, 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;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa, and, in this connexion, draws attention to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

5. *Draws once again the attention* of all United Nations bodies, in particular the Security Council, to the continued need to take effective measures to associate closely the Organization of African Unity regularly with all their work concerning Africa, including especially the activities of the committee on sanctions of the Council;²⁴

6. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and intensify their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;

7. *Decides* to invite as observers, on a regular basis and in accordance with earlier practice, representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the relevant work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs concerned, as well as in conferences, seminars and other meetings held under the auspices of the United Nations which relate to their countries, and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for their effective participation, including the requisite financial provisions;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

2421st plenary meeting
28 November 1975

3413 (XXX). Admission of the Republic of Surinam to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the application for membership of Council of 1 December 1975 that the Republic of Surinam should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,²⁵

Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of Surinam,²⁶

Decides to admit the Republic of Surinam to membership in the United Nations.

2428th plenary meeting
4 December 1975

3414 (XXX). The situation in the Middle East

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East",

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and resolutions of the United Nations as well as those principles of international law which prohibit the occupation or acquisition of territory by the use of force and which consider any military occupation, however temporary, or any forcible annexation of such territory, or part thereof, as an act of aggression,

Gravely concerned at the continuation of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories and Israel's persistent denial of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people,

Recalling relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, particularly those concerning the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people and its right to participate in any efforts for peace,

Convinced that the early reconvening of the Peace Conference on the Middle East with the participation of all the parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, is essential for the realization of a just and lasting settlement in the region,

Convinced that the present situation prevailing in the Middle East continues to constitute a serious threat to international peace and security, and that urgent measures should be taken in order to ensure Israel's full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the questions of Palestine and the Middle East,

Recognizing that peace is indivisible and that a just and lasting settlement of the question of the Middle East must be based on a comprehensive solution under the auspices of the United Nations, which takes into consideration all aspects of the Middle East conflict,

²³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/10413.

²⁶ A/10388-S/11884. For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirtieth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1975.

²³ A/10254.

²⁴ Security Council Committee established in pursuance of resolution 253 (1968) concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia.