

to select from them appropriate material for wider dissemination by means of reprints in various languages:

(b) To seek the full co-operation of the administering Powers concerned in the discharge of the tasks referred to above;

(c) To intensify the activities of all United Nations information centres, particularly those located in Western Europe and the Americas;

(d) 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;

(e) To enlist the support of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in decolonization in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(f) To ensure the availability of the necessary facilities and services in this regard;

(g) To report to the Special Committee on the measures taken in implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations having a special interest in 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;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to follow the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

*86th plenary meeting  
7 December 1983*

### 38/56. International Year of Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982, in which it declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>94</sup> containing the draft programme of the International Year of Peace,<sup>95</sup>

*Taking into account* the guidelines for international years and anniversaries adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

*Recognizing* that the International Year of Peace, which will be linked with the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, is especially important and will permit the United Nations and its Member States to concentrate their efforts towards promoting the ideals of peace, as evidence of their dedication to serve peace by all possible means,

*Considering also* that the preparations for the International Year of Peace must be carried through to ensure positive results in international co-operation for the promotion of peace during the Year,

1. *Endorses* the principal objectives of the International Year of Peace indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Invites* all States, all organizations within the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the International Year of Peace;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the programme of the International Year of

Peace and urges all States and interested organizations to contribute to that fund:

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to carry out during 1984-1985 the necessary preparations for the observance of the International Year of Peace, including the organization of regional seminars devoted to promoting the objectives of the Year;<sup>96</sup>

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the draft programme of the International Year of Peace and on the arrangements for financing it;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "International Year of Peace".

*87th plenary meeting  
7 December 1983*

### 38/57. Thirty-five years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: international co-operation for the promotion and observance of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the continued significance and the validity of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>97</sup>

*Welcoming* the progress made so far in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms since the proclamation of the Declaration,

*Recalling* that Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Acknowledging* that, despite all the efforts made by the international community to promote and protect human rights, there is a need for constant vigilance by the international community in this field,

*Recalling also* the responsibility of the international community to remove the threat of war from the lives of people, to preserve civilization and to ensure that everyone enjoys the inherent right to life, liberty and security of person,

*Underlining* the importance of the teaching of human rights at all levels, particularly in primary and secondary schools,

1. *Stresses* the significance of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and expresses grave concern at mass and flagrant violations and all other violations of human rights which continue to take place in many parts of the world;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress made so far in the field of standard-setting on human rights since the proclamation of the Declaration and reaffirms its commitment to continue to strive for further progress in the field of the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Urges* all States to apply the Declaration resolutely, as well as seriously to consider ratifying or acceding to and observing the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>98</sup> and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>98</sup> the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination<sup>99</sup> and instruments relating to *apartheid*, and calls upon all States to ensure greater observance and

<sup>94</sup> A/38/413 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>95</sup> A/38/413, annex I.

<sup>96</sup> *Ibid.*, annex V.

<sup>97</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>98</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>99</sup> Resolution 2106 A (XXI), annex.

respect of all other United Nations instruments on human rights;

4. *Urges* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in co-operation with Governments, to undertake rigorous efforts to spread the teaching of human rights in all educational institutions, particularly primary and secondary schools, as well as in the training of relevant professional groups and requests the Director-General of that organization to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration, a report on the efforts made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to those ends.

*91st plenary meeting  
9 December 1983*

### 38/58. Question of Palestine

#### A

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3376 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 31/20 of 24 November 1976, 32/40 of 2 December 1977, 33/28 of 7 December 1978, 34/65 A and B of 29 November 1979 and 34/65 C and D of 12 December 1979, ES-7/2 of 29 July 1980, 35/169 of 15 December 1980, 36/120 of 10 December 1981, ES-7/4 of 28 April 1982, ES-7/5 of 26 June 1982, ES-7/9 of 24 September 1982 and 37/86 A of 10 December 1982,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,<sup>100</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee contained in paragraphs 94 to 98 of its report and draws the attention of the Security Council to the fact that action on the Committee's recommendations, as repeatedly endorsed by the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session and subsequently, is long overdue;

3. *Requests* the Committee to keep under review the situation relating to the question of Palestine as well as the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights<sup>101</sup> adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine and to report and make suggestions to the General Assembly or the Security Council, as appropriate;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, established under General Assembly resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, as well as other United Nations bodies associated with the question of Palestine, to co-operate fully with the Committee and to make available to it, at its request, the relevant information and documentation which they have at their disposal;

5. *Authorizes* the Committee to continue to exert all efforts to promote the implementation of its recommendations, to send delegations or representatives to international conferences where such representation would be considered by it to be appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session and thereafter;

<sup>100</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 35 (A/38/35).*

6. *Decides* to circulate the report of the Committee to all the competent bodies of the United Nations and urges them to take the necessary action, as appropriate, in accordance with the Committee's programme of implementation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with all the necessary facilities for the performance of its tasks.

*95th plenary meeting  
13 December 1983*

#### B

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,<sup>100</sup>

*Noting*, in particular, the information contained in paragraphs 86 to 91 of that report,

*Recalling* its resolutions 32/40 B of 2 December 1977, 33/28 C of 7 December 1978, 34/65 D of 12 December 1979, 35/169 D of 15 December 1980, 36/120 B of 10 December 1981 and 37/86 B of 10 December 1982,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the action taken by the Secretary-General in compliance with General Assembly resolution 37/86 B;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat continues to discharge the tasks detailed in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B, paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 34/65 D and paragraph 3 of resolution 36/120 B, in consultation with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and under its guidance;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Division for Palestinian Rights with the necessary resources to accomplish its tasks and to expand its work programme, *inter alia*, through:

(a) Closer contacts with the media and wider dissemination of the Division's information material, particularly where information on the question of Palestine is inadequate;

(b) Increased contacts with non-governmental organizations and the convening of symposia and meetings for non-governmental organizations in different regions in order to heighten awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continued co-operation of the Department of Public Information and other units of the Secretariat in enabling the Division for Palestinian Rights to perform its tasks and in covering adequately the various aspects of the question of Palestine;

5. *Invites* all Governments and organizations to lend their co-operation to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Division for Palestinian Rights in the performance of their tasks;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the action taken by Member States to observe annually on 29 November the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and

<sup>101</sup> *Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.L.21), chap. I, sect. B.*