

4. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue to take adequate steps to give wide publicity to the Declaration and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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1986/21. Palestinian women

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the prevailing living conditions of Palestinian women,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,³⁴

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of a comprehensive report on the situation of Palestinian women living within and outside the occupied Arab territories,³⁷

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the comprehensive report, to focus on the identification of the main humanitarian needs of Palestinian women;

2. *Requests* the Commission on the Status of Women at its 1988 session to propose concrete measures of assistance to Palestinian women on the basis of the conclusions of that report;

3. *Calls upon* United Nations organs and organizations, as well as national, regional and international women's organizations, to extend their assistance to Palestinian women;

4. *Emphasizes* that nothing less than the realization of their inalienable rights will put an end to the sufferings of Palestinian women.

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1986/22. Women and children under apartheid

The Economic and Social Council,

Alarmed by the stepped-up repression and indiscriminate killing, maiming and detention of opponents of the *apartheid* system,

Noting the concern of women throughout the world about the continuing degradation and abuse to which African women and children are daily subjected by the white minority régime of South Africa,

Recalling that that concern was expressed in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,³⁴ which also contain proposals for various forms of assistance to be rendered to women and children inside South Africa and to those who have become refugees,

Recognizing that the inhuman exploitation and dispossession of the African people by the white minority régime is directly responsible for the appalling conditions under which African women and children live,

Further recognizing that the equality and emancipation of African women cannot be achieved without the success of the struggle for national liberation and self-determination of the indigenous people and the total destruction of the racist régime of South Africa,

³⁷E/CN.6/1986/6.

1. *Condemns unequivocally* the South African régime for the imposition of the state of emergency, the forcible separation of black families and the detention and imprisonment of women and children;

2. *Demands* the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, who increasingly include women and children;

3. *Commends* the tenacity and bravery of those women inside South Africa and outside who have resisted oppression, who have been detained, tortured and killed, whose husbands, children and relatives have been detained, tortured and killed and who, despite this, have remained steadfast in their opposition to the racist régime;

4. *Acknowledges* the efforts of those Governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals that have campaigned for and applied sanctions against the racist régime;

5. *Calls upon* those countries that support or collaborate with the racist régime to desist from such support or collaboration in the political, military, economic and nuclear spheres;

6. *Further calls upon* Governments, in view of the deterioration of the situation in South Africa, as a matter of urgency, to impose comprehensive sanctions in accordance with Security Council resolutions and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

7. *Urges* Member States and United Nations organizations to give effect forthwith, in consultation with the liberation movements, to the Forward-looking Strategies that deal with women and children under *apartheid*; particular attention should be given to education, health, vocational training and employment opportunities and the strengthening of the women's sections of the liberation movements.

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1986/23. Namibia

The Economic and Social Council,

Gravely concerned by the delay in the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978 concerning the withdrawal of South Africa's illegal administration from Namibia and the holding of elections under the supervision of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned by the perpetual suffering of Namibian women under the illegal occupation of the racist South African régime backed by the allies, and further concerned by the utilization of Namibian territory as a springboard for attacking and destabilizing neighbouring States,

1. *Condemns*, in no uncertain terms, the racist régime of South Africa for its installation of a so-called interim Government at Windhoek;

2. *Denounces* the forceful conscription of Namibian men and women between the ages of 17 and 55 years into the racist army in order to consolidate and facilitate widespread repression throughout the country;

3. *Rejects* South Africa's insistence on linking the independence of Namibia to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola;

4. *Demands* that South Africa refrain from using Namibia as a base to infiltrate Angola and other independent neighbouring countries;