

14. *Urges* the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organization in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

15. *Also urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;

16. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to the present resolution and to the discussion on the subject at the second regular session of 1988 of the Economic and Social Council;

17. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, with particular attention to co-ordination and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system aimed at enabling the Namibian people to achieve their independence speedily, and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1989;

19. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

*38th plenary meeting
26 July 1988*

1988/54. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/166 of 11 December 1987,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/77 of 8 July 1987,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,^{*}

^{*} General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

Recalling the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine,⁹

Taking into account the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories against the Israeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,

Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;¹⁰

2. *Regrets* that the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people has not been developed as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/166;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to charge the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with supervising the development of the programme and to provide it with the funds needed to engage twenty experts to prepare an adequate programme, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, taking into account the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories and its implications;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to those States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

5. *Urges* the international community, the organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to disburse their aid or any other forms of assistance to the occupied Palestinian territories solely for the benefit of the Palestinian people and in a manner that will not serve to prolong the Israeli occupation;

6. *Calls* for the provision of emergency assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the dispatch of teams of orthopaedic surgeons;

7. *Requests* the international community, the organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

8. *Decides* to extend to the occupied Palestinian territories the same preferential treatment accorded to the least developed countries, pending the elimination of the Israeli occupation and the assumption of full control

⁹ *Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

¹⁰ A/43/367-E/1988.82 and Corr.1.

by the Palestinian people over their national economy without external interference;

9. *Calls* for the treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

10. *Also calls* for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports;

11. *Further calls* for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the cement plant referred to in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

12. *Condemns* the occupying Power, Israel, for its brutal economic and social policies and practices against the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;

13. *Requests* United Nations bodies not to extend any form of assistance to the occupying Power, Israel;

14. *Stresses* that aid is not and cannot be a substitute for a genuine and just solution to the question of Palestine;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue immediately a corrigendum to his report on assistance to the Palestinian people, bringing the language strictly into line with General Assembly resolution 42/166 and the present resolution;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*38th plenary meeting
26 July 1988*

1988/55. Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1987/75 of 8 July 1987, General Assembly resolution 42/8 of 26 October 1987, World Health Assembly resolution WHA 41.24 of 13 May 1988 and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the London Declaration on AIDS Prevention, adopted by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention on 28 January 1988,¹¹

Acknowledging the established leadership and the essential role of the World Health Organization in the global direction and co-ordination of AIDS prevention, control, research and education, and noting with appreciation the efforts of the World Health Organization, other United Nations agencies and funds and national Governments,

1. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-third session the report of the

Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;¹²

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to ensure a co-ordinated response by the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/8 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/75, and welcomes those arrangements within the context of the global strategy;

3. *Invites* the General Assembly to consider the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the present response of the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic and to take an appropriate decision on further action.

*39th plenary meeting
27 July 1988*

1988/56. Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions concerning the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in particular resolution 1981/86 of 2 November 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia,

Noting with grave concern the continued deterioration of the situation in South Africa and Namibia, as evidenced by the escalating brutality, indiscriminate killing and mass arrest of innocent persons, including women and children, by the authorities of the racist minority régime,

Noting with concern that the deadline of 1 January 1987, proposed by the Panel of Eminent Persons established to conduct the public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, for effecting significant changes in the operations of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia¹³ has not been met,

1. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the racist minority régime in South Africa and its brutal perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

2. *Condemns* those transnational corporations that, through covert and overt activities in South Africa and Namibia, continue their systematic and clandestine circumventing of laws and measures imposed by the Governments of their home countries, as well as the disinvestment programmes of some transnational corporations that are aimed at retaining profitable economic links with South Africa;

¹¹ A/43/341-E/1988/80, annex, appendix I.

¹² A/43/341-E/1988/80, annex.

¹³ E/C.10/1986/9, annex, para. 51.