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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Argentina, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ghana,  
Greece, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, and Uruguay: revised draft  
resolution

The General Assembly,

Firmly convinced that all forms of racial discrimination are a negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and that they militate against human progress, peace and justice,

Recalling its resolution 2446 (XXIII), of 19 December 1968; its resolution 2544 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, in which it designated the year 1971 as International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; its resolution 2646 (XXV) of 30 November 1970, in which it welcomed the observance of 1971 as the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and urged all Governments, the specialized agencies and all other organizations concerned to make renewed efforts to take effective and practical measures to this end; and, in particular, Economic and Social Council resolution 1588 (L), which provided for further action that should be taken to eliminate specifically racial discrimination in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres,

Noting the Secretary-General's second progress report, based on information received from Governments, the specialized agencies and other international organizations, on the observance of the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and on the activities of United Nations organs to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and apartheid (A/8367),

Noting, the Secretary-General's report on the review and appraisal of United Nations information policies and activities (A/C.5/1320/Rev.1), analysing the relationship of United Nations public information activities to the achievement of the substantive goals of the United Nations, including the elimination of apartheid, racial discrimination and colonialism, and stressing the need, within the principles of universality and objectivity, of a United Nations information programme more directly geared in support of these goals,

Noting the measures that have been taken and the progress that has been achieved to date in the implementation of the programme for the observance of the Year by Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional international organizations and the national and international non-governmental organizations concerned,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations which have acted in good faith, without political motivation and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and positively contributed to the observance of the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. Further expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the effective co-ordination of the measures and activities undertaken to date in connexion with the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and for the informative progress reports that he has submitted thereon to the General Assembly;

3. Recommends that the measures and activities undertaken on the occasion of the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by Governments, United Nations organs, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations genuinely concerned with the elimination of racism and racial discrimination will be continued, developed and enlarged and that the initiatives which have emerged from the observance of the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination will serve as guidelines for action-oriented programmes designed to ensure that the work accomplished in 1971 shall be pursued;

4. Urges all States concerned to implement a programme of political, social, cultural and economic redress to improve the conditions of those suffering from the effects of past and present policies of racial discrimination and in particular appeals to Governments and all organizations in the United Nations system to devote their urgent attention to the problems involved in the education of youth, in the spirit of world peace, justice, mutual respect and understanding as well as respect for the value and dignity of the human person and generally recognized principles of morality and international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in order to combat racial policies and to promote equal rights and economic, social and cultural progress for all;

5. Requests every competent United Nations organ, specialized agency, regional intergovernmental organization and non-governmental organization in consultative status acting in good faith without political motivation and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to consider, as a matter of highest priority:

(a) The further action that it might itself take with a view to speedily eliminating racial discrimination throughout the world;

(b) The action that it might suggest to its subsidiary organs, to States and to international and national bodies for this purpose;

(c) The follow-up measures required to ensure full and effective implementation of its decisions in this matter;

6. Endorses the invitation addressed by the Economic and Social Council to the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to provide the Commission on Human Rights with reports on the nature and effect of any racial discrimination, of whose existence they have knowledge in their sphere of competence and requests that such reports should be submitted annually; also endorses the invitation addressed by the Council to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status referred to in the above paragraph which have special interest in the elimination of racism and racial discrimination to communicate biennially to the Economic and Social Council, and for the information of any interested organ of the United Nations, their endeavours and progress in the struggle against racism, apartheid and racial discrimination in all its forms;

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7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) In conformity with the conclusions stated in paragraphs 52 and 57 of his report (A/C.5/1320/Rev.1) on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities to study information programmes on all questions relating to racial discrimination taking into account the views of the Economic and Social Council and its competent subsidiary bodies with the view of intensifying the realization of such programmes;

(b) To pursue as major feature of action to combat racism and racial discrimination after the International Year a world-wide programme intended to build up public opinion, especially through radio and television broadcasts, as well as through the publication of relevant popularized scientific studies designed to illustrate the reciprocal contributions made by different civilizations and the distribution of appropriate literature such as the Statement on Race and Racial Discrimination adopted by a conference of experts on the subject convened by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris in 1967 and the Special Study of racial discrimination in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Mr. Santa Cruz, with a view to eradicating once and for all false racial beliefs based upon distortion or lack of scientific knowledge and showing the complementarity between the different races;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report on the measures taken by the United Nations organs, which would make possible a detailed assessment and formulation of further new methods and measures to combat racism, racial discrimination and apartheid.

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