

regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights,⁶³

Aware of the importance of encouraging regional co-operation for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 7 (XXIV) of 1 March 1968,⁶⁴ in which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of arranging suitable regional seminars under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights in those regions where no regional commission on human rights exists at present for the purpose of discussing the usefulness and advisability of the establishment of regional commissions on human rights,

Recognizing the important contribution of the regional commissions of the United Nations in the economic and social fields,

1. *Appeals* to States in areas where regional arrangements in the field of human rights do not yet exist to consider agreements with a view to the establishment within their respective regions of suitable regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to give priority to the organization, in regions where no regional commission on human rights exists, of seminars for the purpose of discussing the usefulness and advisability of the establishment of regional commissions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for further consideration.

*105th plenary meeting
16 December 1977*

32/128. Missing persons in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Concerned at the lack of progress towards the tracing and accounting for missing persons in Cyprus,

Expressing the hope that the informal discussions now taking place to establish a joint committee to trace missing persons are successful,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide his good offices, through his Special Representative in Cyprus, to support the establishment of an investigatory body with the participation of the International Committee of the Red Cross which would be in a position to function impartially, effectively and speedily so as to resolve the problem without undue delay;

2. *Invites* the parties concerned to continue co-operating in the establishment of the investigatory body and work out the modalities with a view to activating it expeditiously.

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32/129. World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination⁶⁵

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in particular resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and 31/78 of 13 December 1976, in which it affirmed its total abhorrence of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* and resolved to achieve their total elimination,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2057 (LXII) of 12 May 1977, including the annex thereto, in relation to the preparation of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Taking note of the communication dated 4 February 1977 from the Government of Ghana,⁶⁶

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 2057 (LXII), including the annex thereto;

2. *Regrets* the circumstances which led to the withdrawal by the Government of Ghana of its offer to act as host to the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and expresses its appreciation to that Government for its co-operation;

3. *Decides* to convene the Conference at Geneva from 14 to 25 August 1978;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite as participants in the Conference:

(a) All States;

(b) The United Nations Council for Namibia, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/149 of 20 December 1976;⁶⁷

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite to the Conference as observers:

(a) Representatives of national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(c) The specialized agencies concerned as well as interested organs and bodies of the United Nations;

(d) Interested intergovernmental organizations;

(e) The Special Committee against *Apartheid*;

(f) The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

(g) The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

(h) The Commission on Human Rights;

(i) Other interested committees of the United Nations;

⁶³ A/10235, paras. 93-97 and 173-178, A/32/178, paras. 107-111.

⁶⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4475)*, chap. XVIII.

⁶⁵ See also sect. X.B.5, decision 32/433.

⁶⁶ E/5911.

⁶⁷ See also resolution 32/9 E.