

dire need of additional funds to meet its minimal annual expenses,

*Noting* that many Member States are not in a position to make any contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

*Noting also* that many States, instead of contributing to the budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, prefer to extend direct aid to the Palestine refugees,

*Taking into account* that the contribution of the United States of America to the regular budget of the United Nations has been reduced to 25 per cent by General Assembly resolution 2961 B (XXVII) of 13 December 1972 on the understanding that the United States will endeavour to maintain and possibly increase its voluntary contributions to the various agencies and other organs of the United Nations,

*Considering further* the deep interest which certain Western European and other States have manifested in the Middle East for many years,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to all States which have in the past generously contributed to the budget of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

2. *Appeals* to Member States, especially those with \$1,500 or more *per capita* income, to consider increasing their contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

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7 December 1973*

**3090 (XXVIII). Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2656 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, 2728 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2791 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and 2963 (XXVII) and 2964 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972,

*Having considered* the report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,<sup>9</sup>

*Taking into account* the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1972 to 30 June 1973,<sup>10</sup>

*Deeply concerned* at the financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which continues to be serious, thereby endangering the essential services being provided to Palestine refugees,

*Convinced* of the continuing need for extraordinary efforts in order to maintain, at least at their present minimum level, the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

1. *Commends* the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its work;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Working Group;

<sup>9</sup> A/9231.

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/9013).*

3. *Requests* the Working Group to continue its efforts, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Commissioner-General, for the financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a further period of one year;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary services and assistance to the Working Group for the conduct of its work.

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**3091 (XXVIII). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965, 2053 A (XX) of 15 December 1965, 2249 (S-V) of 23 May 1967, 2308 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, 2451 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2670 (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2835 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971 and 2965 (XXVII) of 13 December 1972,

*Having received and examined* the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations of 21 November 1973,<sup>11</sup>

*Having noted* the working documents submitted to the Special Committee and its Working Group during the past year and the reports prepared by the Working Group during the same period,

*Considering* that circumstances are propitious for the continuation of the study with which the Special Committee is entrusted and make it more necessary than ever for the Committee to intensify its work,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, in particular paragraphs 10 and 11 thereof;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made by the Special Committee in the fulfilment of its mandate and the work of its Working Group;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee and its Working Group to intensify their respective efforts to complete by the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly their task of achieving agreed guidelines for carrying out peace-keeping operations in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

*2193rd plenary meeting  
7 December 1973*

**3092 (XXVIII). Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 44, document A/9236.

<sup>12</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

*Recalling* that Israel and the Arab States, some of whose territories have been occupied by Israel since 1967, are parties to that Convention,

*Bearing in mind* that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law is one of the basic objectives of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind*, furthermore, that the States parties to that Convention undertake, in accordance with article 1 thereof, not only to respect but also to ensure respect for the Convention in all circumstances,

1. *Affirms* that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, applies to the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967;

2. *Calls upon* the Israeli occupation authorities to respect and comply with the provisions of that Convention in the occupied Arab territories;

3. *Urges* all States parties to that Convention to endeavour to ensure respect for and compliance with the provisions thereof in the occupied Arab territories.

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## B

### *The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as the principles and provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Bearing in mind* the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949,<sup>13</sup> as well as those of other relevant conventions and regulations,

*Recalling* its resolutions as well as those resolutions adopted by the Security Council, the Commission on Human Rights and other United Nations bodies and by specialized agencies on the question of Israeli policies and practices affecting the human rights of the population of the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

*Considering* that implementation of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 cannot and should not be left open in a situation involving foreign military occupation and the rights of the civilian population of these territories under the provisions of that Convention and in accordance with the principles of international law,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories,<sup>14</sup>

1. *Commends* the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly;

2. *Deplores* the continued refusal of the Government of Israel to allow the Special Committee access to the occupied territories;

3. *Expresses its grave concern* at the violation by Israel of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, as well as the other applicable inter-

national conventions and regulations, in particular the following violations:

(a) The annexation of certain parts of the occupied territories;

(b) The establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and the transfer of an alien population thereto;

(c) The destruction and demolition of Arab houses, quarters, villages and towns;

(d) The confiscation and expropriation of Arab property in the occupied territories and all other transactions for the acquisition of land between the Government of Israel, Israeli institutions and Israeli nationals on the one hand, and the inhabitants or institutions of the occupied territories on the other;

(e) The evacuation, deportation, expulsion, displacement and transfer of the Arab inhabitants of the Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and the denial of their right to return to their homes and property;

(f) Administrative detention and ill-treatment inflicted on the Arab inhabitants;

(g) The pillaging of archaeological and cultural property in the occupied territories;

(h) The interference with religious freedom, religious practices and family rights and customs;

(i) The illegal exploitation of the natural wealth resources and population of the occupied territories;

4. *Calls upon* Israel to desist immediately from the annexation and colonization of the Arab territories occupied by it since 1967, the establishment of settlements and the transfer of population to, from or within those territories, and from all the other practices referred to in paragraph 3 above;

5. *Declares* that Israel's policy of annexation, establishment of settlements and transfer of an alien population to the occupied territories is in contravention of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the principles and provisions of the applicable international law concerning occupation, the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people, and is as well an impediment to the establishment of a just and lasting peace;

6. *Reaffirms* that Israel's policy of settling parts of its population and new immigrants in the occupied territories is a flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, and of the relevant United Nations resolutions, and urges all States to refrain from any action which Israel will exploit in carrying out its policy of colonizing the occupied territories;

7. *Reaffirms* that all measures taken by Israel to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or the status of the occupied territories, or any part thereof, are null and void;

8. *Calls upon* all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize any changes carried out by Israel in the occupied territories and to avoid actions, including actions in the field of aid, which might be used by Israel in its pursuit of the policies and practices referred to in the present resolution;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee, pending the early termination of Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli policies and practices in the Arab

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>14</sup> A/9148 and Add.1.

territories occupied by Israel since 1967, to consult, as appropriate, with the International Committee of the Red Cross in order to ensure the safeguarding of the welfare and human rights of the population of the occupied territories, and to report to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and whenever the need arises thereafter;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To render all necessary facilities to the Special Committee, including those required for its visits to the occupied territories with a view to investigating Israeli policies and practices affecting the human rights of the population of those territories;

(b) To ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available through the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session on the tasks entrusted to him;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories".

2193rd plenary meeting  
7 December 1973

### 3151 (XXVIII). Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa

#### A

##### TRADE UNION ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 2671 D (XXV) of 8 December 1970, 2775 H (XXVI) of 29 November 1971 and 2923 F (XXVII) of 13 December 1972,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid* concerning the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid*,<sup>15</sup>

*Strongly convinced* of the importance of the participation of the trade union movement in the international campaign against *apartheid*,

1. *Commends* the resolution adopted on 16 June 1973 by the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid*<sup>16</sup> to the attention of Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps to promote and facilitate the effective participation of the trade union organizations in the observance of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to maintain liaison with the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference of Trade Unions against *Apartheid* with a view to promoting maximum participation by the trade unions at the national and international levels in action against *apartheid* in South Africa;

4. *Requests* the Unit on *Apartheid* and the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat to make special efforts, in co-operation with the International

Labour Organisation and in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraph 32 of the report of the Special Committee, to acquaint trade unions all over the world with the situation in South Africa and to publicize the activities of the trade union movement aimed at the eradication of *apartheid* in South Africa.

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#### B

##### PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>17</sup>

*Considering* the need to intensify United Nations efforts towards the eradication of *apartheid* in South Africa and to secure greater co-ordination of such efforts,

1. *Requests* the Special Committee on *Apartheid* to intensify its efforts in the discharge of its mandate along the lines indicated in paragraph 289 of its report;

2. *Calls upon* all United Nations organs to take note of the mandate of the Special Committee constantly to review all aspects of *apartheid* in South Africa, with a view to avoiding any duplication of work;

3. *Authorizes* the Special Committee to hold a special session in Europe in 1974;

4. *Further authorizes* the Special Committee:

(a) To send missions to Governments of Member States for consultations on action against *apartheid*;

(b) To send representatives to the Organization of African Unity for consultations on co-operation with regard to action against *apartheid*;

(c) To participate in conferences concerned with *apartheid*;

(d) To hold consultations with experts, African liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, anti-*apartheid* movements, trade union organizations and other non-governmental organizations concerned with the campaign against *apartheid*, in order to consider ways and means of intensifying international action against *apartheid*.

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14 December 1973

#### C

##### DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON APARTHEID

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on *Apartheid*,<sup>18</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>19</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the Unit on *Apartheid* and the Office of Public Information of the Secretariat for the dissemination of information on *apartheid* in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2923 D (XXVII) of 15 November 1972,

*Strongly convinced* of the need to intensify greatly the efforts to acquaint world public opinion with the imperative need for the eradication of *apartheid* in South Africa,

<sup>17</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 22 (A/9022).

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>19</sup> A/9165.

<sup>15</sup> A/9169 and Corr.1.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.