

Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹¹²

Recalling that, since its establishment, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has constantly striven for the effective realization of the right to education and equality of educational opportunities for all, without distinction as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, economic status or birth, and that, for many years past, activities directed towards securing the right to education and the extension and improvement of educational and training systems in member States, more particularly in the developing countries, have occupied a central place in that organization's programme.

Aware of the important contribution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade with a view to fostering full implementation of the right to education,

Taking note with satisfaction of the interest shown by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 34/170, 35/191 and 36/152,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions contained in the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the right to education;¹¹³

2. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for including on a permanent basis, in its medium-term plan, the issue of the implementation of the right to education,

3. *Again invites* all States to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures, including material guarantees, in order to ensure full implementation of the right to universal education through, *inter alia*, free and compulsory primary education, universal and gradually free-of-charge secondary education, equal access to all educational facilities and the access of the young generation to science and culture;

4. *Invites* all States to give all necessary attention to defining and determining in a more precise manner the means for implementing the provisions concerning the role of education in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

5. *Invites* all specialized agencies to co-operate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to ensure education a high priority in the implementation of various programmes and projects within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

6. *Appeals once again* to all States, in particular the developed countries, to support actively, through fellowships and other means, including the general increasing of resources for education and training, the efforts of the developing countries in the education and training of national personnel needed in industry, agriculture and other economic and social sectors;

7. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for his report on the right to education, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/152;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its intensive efforts for

the promotion at the universal level of the right to education and to inform the General Assembly, in appropriate forms, of the progress achieved in this field.

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37/179. Measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on racial intolerance, hatred and terror

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the United Nations emerged from the struggle against nazism, fascism, aggression and foreign occupation, and that the peoples expressed their resolve in the Charter of the United Nations to save future generations from the scourge of war,

Bearing in mind the suffering, destruction and death of millions of victims of aggression, foreign occupation, nazism and fascism,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles laid down in the Charter, which are aimed at maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and achieving international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Emphasizing that all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, in particular Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences, may jeopardize world peace and constitute obstacles to friendly relations between States and to the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Reaffirming that the prosecution and punishment of war crimes and crimes against peace and humanity, as laid down in General Assembly resolutions 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 95 (I) of 11 December 1946, constitute a universal commitment for all States,

Recalling its resolutions 2331 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2438 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2545 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 2713 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2839 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971, 34/24 of 15 November 1979, 35/200 of 15 December 1980 and 36/162 of 16 December 1981,

Recalling also the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,¹¹⁴ the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹¹⁵ the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples¹¹⁶ and the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,¹¹⁷

Underlining the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹¹⁸ the International Covenants on Human Rights,¹¹⁹ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹²⁰ the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide¹²¹ and other relevant international instruments,

¹¹⁴ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

¹¹⁵ Resolution 1904 (XVIII).

¹¹⁶ Resolution 1514 (XV).

¹¹⁷ Resolution 36/55.

¹¹⁸ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹¹⁹ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹²⁰ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

¹²¹ Resolution 260 A (III), annex.

¹¹² See resolution 35/56, annex, sect. O.

¹¹³ See A/37/521, annex.

Acknowledging the fact that a number of States have established legal regulations which are suited to prevent the activities of Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist groups and organizations,

Noting again with deep concern that the proponents of Fascist ideologies have, in a number of countries, intensified their activities and are increasingly co-ordinating them on an international scale,

1. *Again condemns* all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, in particular Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences;

2. *Urges* all States to draw attention to the threats to democratic institutions by the above-mentioned ideologies and practices and to consider taking measures, in accordance with their national constitutional systems and with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights, to prohibit or otherwise deter activities by groups or organizations or whoever is practising those ideologies;

3. *Calls upon* the appropriate specialized agencies, as well as intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, to initiate or intensify measures against the ideologies and practices described in paragraph 1 above;

4. *Invites* Member States to adopt, in accordance with their national constitutional systems and with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights, as a matter of high priority, measures declaring punishable by law any dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred and of war propaganda, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist ideologies;

5. *Appeals* to all States that have not yet done so to ratify or to accede to the International Covenants on Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity¹²² and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;¹²³

6. *Calls once again upon* all States to provide the Secretary-General with their comments on this question;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat pays attention to the dissemination of information exposing the ideologies and practices described in paragraph 1 above;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Commission on Human Rights to consider this question at its thirty-ninth session under the title: "Measures to be taken against all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences";

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, in the light of the discussion that will take place in the Commission on Human Rights and on the basis of comments provided by States and international organizations.

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¹²² Resolution 2391 (XXIII), annex.

¹²³ Resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

37/180. Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/173 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Disappeared persons", and its resolution 36/163 of 16 December 1981 on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 1982/24 of 10 March 1982,¹²⁴ by which the Commission decided to extend for one year the term of the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, and Economic and Social Council decision 1982/131 of 7 May 1982, by which the Council approved the Commission's decision,

Convinced that the action taken, in consultation with the Governments concerned, to promote the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/173 and other United Nations resolutions relevant to the plight of missing or disappeared persons should be continued,

Expressing its emotion at the anguish and sorrow of the families concerned, who should know the fate of their relatives,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to extend for one year the term of the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, as laid down in Commission resolution 1982/24;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Working Group for the work it has done and to those Governments that have co-operated with it;

3. *Calls upon* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to study this question as a matter of priority and to take any step it may deem necessary to the pursuit of the task of the Working Group when it considers the report to be submitted by the Group at its thirty-ninth session;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments to provide the Working Group and the Commission on Human Rights with the full co-operation warranted by their strictly humanitarian objectives and their working methods based on discretion;

5. *Renews its request* to the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Working Group with all necessary assistance.

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37/181. Missing persons in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the question of missing persons in Cyprus,

Reaffirming the basic need of families to be informed, without further delay, about the fate of their missing relatives,

Expressing concern that the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, the establishment of which was announced on 22 April 1981,¹²⁵ has failed to overcome procedural difficulties and has achieved no progress towards the commencement of its investigative work,

Emphasizing the need for a speedy resolution of this humanitarian problem,

1. *Invites* the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances of the Commission on Human Rights

¹²⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*

¹²⁵ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1981, document S/14490, para. 46.*