Twenty-fourth session

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST NAZISM AND RACIAL INTOLERANCE*

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 2331 (XXII), entitled "Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance", adopted at its 1638th plenary meeting on 18 December 1967, the General Assembly resolutely condemned any ideology, including nazism, which is based on racial intolerance and terror as a gross violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and called upon all States to take immediate and effective measures against any such manifestations of nazism and racial intolerance.

2. In resolution 2438 (XXIII), bearing the same title, adopted at its 1748th plenary meeting on 19 December 1968, the General Assembly once again resolutely condemned racism, nazism, apartheid and all similar ideologies and practices which are based on racial intolerance and terror as a gross violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and which might jeopardize world peace and the security of peoples. The General Assembly urgently called upon all States to take without delay, with due regard to the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, legislative and other positive measures to outlaw groups and organizations which are disseminating propaganda for racism, nazism, the policy of apartheid and other forms of racial intolerance, and to prosecute them in the courts; and called upon all States and peoples, as well as national and international organizations, to strive for the eradication, as soon as possible and once and for all, of racism, nazism and similar ideologies and practices,

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including apartheid, which are based on racial intolerance and terror. The Secretary-General was requested to submit to the General Assembly a survey of information which may be available to him on international instruments, legislation and other measures taken or envisaged, both at the national and international levels, with a view to halting racist, nazi and similar activities, such as apartheid. The General Assembly decided to consider at its twenty-fourth session the question of measures to be taken against naziism and racial intolerance.

3. Recognizing the need for the urgent implementation of General Assembly resolutions 231 (XXII) and 2438 (XXIII), the Commission on Human Rights, in resolution 10 (XXV), adopted at its 1022nd meeting on 7 March 1969, requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, taking into consideration the debate on the relevant agenda item at the twenty-fifth session of the Commission, to deal, in the study which it is carrying out on the revival of naziism, with the danger of the revival of this ideology and with the way in which it may affect the existence and safeguarding of fundamental human rights and freedoms, and invited the Governments of Member States and organizations possessing information on the subject to send such information to the Special Rapporteur for the study of racial discrimination in the political, social, economic and cultural spheres early enough to be taken into consideration in that study. The Commission requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission information, prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2438 (XXIII), on international instruments, legislation and other measures taken or envisaged, both at the national and international levels, with a view to halting racism, naziism and similar activities, such as apartheid.

4. On the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights, the Economic and Social Council adopted, at its 1602nd plenary meeting on 6 June 1969, resolution 1417 (XLVI), entitled "Measures to be taken against naziism and racial intolerance", containing a draft resolution which it recommends to the General Assembly for adoption. The text of the resolution is annexed to this document.

1/ The report of the Secretary-General will be circulated in a separate document.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Forty-sixth Session, document E/4621, chapter VII; chapter XVIII, resolution 10 (XXV); and chapter XIX, draft resolution IV.
ANNEX

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

1417 (XLVI). Measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 2331 (XXII) of 13 December 1967 and 2433 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 on measures to be taken against totalitarian ideologies such as nazism and racial intolerance,

"Observing that, on 1 September 1939, Hitlerite nazism began the Second World War, and recognizing the danger that the revival and development of nazism, which inflicted intolerable suffering on mankind, represents today,

"Reaffirming that nazism, including its present-day manifestations, racism and similar totalitarian ideologies and practices, which are based on terror and racial intolerance, are incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitute a gross violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, which may jeopardize world peace and the security of peoples,

"Expressing its profound concern at the further intensification of activities by groups and organizations which are carriers of the malignant ideologies and practices of nazism, including its present-day manifestations, racism and other similar ideologies and practices,

"Profoundly disquieted by the fact that not all the States concerned are responding to its appeals with due regard to the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to outlaw and prohibit nazi and racist organizations and groups and to make membership of them a criminal offence,

"1. Renews its strong condemnation of racism, nazism, apartheid and all other totalitarian ideologies and practices;

"2. Urgently calls upon those States concerned, which have not yet done so, to take immediate and effective measures, including legislative measures with due regard to the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, for the complete prohibition of nazi, neo-nazi and racist organizations and groups and for their prosecution in the courts;
"3. Calls upon all States to take effective measures to inculcate the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in young people, and in that way to protect them against any influence of nazism and similar ideologies and practices;

"4. Calls upon all States and national and international organizations to set aside a day, to be observed each year on an appropriate date to be determined by each State and organization, in memory of the victims of the struggle against nazism and similar ideologies and practices based on terror and racial intolerance;

"5. Recommends Governments of all States to promote the publication and dissemination of material connected with United Nations efforts to combat nazism in the past and material publicizing the danger of the present revival of nazism in a number of countries;

"6. Requests States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, information on the measures they have adopted and are adopting under this resolution;

"7. Decides to retain on its agenda the item concerning measures to be taken against nazism and racial intolerance as a matter of priority.

"1602nd plenary meeting, 6 June 1969."