

3483 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/63 of 10 December 1976 and 32/194 of 20 December 1977,

Noting the letter dated 26 September 1978 from the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to the President of the General Assembly¹⁵ regarding the decisions reached at the seventh session of the Conference, held at Geneva from 28 March to 19 May 1978 and in New York from 21 August to 15 September 1978,

Having considered the decision of the Conference, as conveyed in the letter from its President, that its eighth session should be convened at Geneva on 19 March 1979 for a period of six weeks and that the Conference should be empowered to decide at the end of its eighth session to hold further meetings in 1979 under arrangements to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General, should the Conference feel at that stage that a decision to that effect would enable it to advance its work,

Taking into account the recommendation made by the Conference that the General Assembly should again study measures to ensure stability and continuity for the secretariat personnel recruited for the Conference,

1. *Approves* the convening of the eighth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea at Geneva for the period from 19 March to 27 April 1979 and empowers the Conference, if the progress of its work warrants, to decide at that stage to hold further meetings under arrangements to be determined in consultation with the Secretary-General;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make available appropriate facilities to that end;

3. *Reiterates* its authorization, originally given in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 31/63, to the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements, provided under paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 3067 (XXVIII), for the efficient and continuous servicing of the Conference in 1979 and of subsequent activities as may be decided upon by the Conference, as well as to take appropriate measures to ensure stability and continuity for the secretariat personnel recruited for the Conference.

51st plenary meeting
10 November 1978

33/18. Observer status for the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the desire of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation for co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency,

1. *Decides* to invite the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

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¹⁵ A/33/270 and Corr.1.

33/27. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,¹⁶

Recalling its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and the practical measures taken for their implementation, in particular resolution 32/19 of 11 November 1977,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth ordinary session, held at Khartoum from 18 to 22 July 1978,¹⁷

Taking note especially of the statement made by the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at the 10th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, on 27 September 1978,¹⁸ particularly on matters of concern to the two organizations,

Taking further note of the meeting between the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system on assistance to liberation movements, held at Geneva in August 1978, and particularly of the recommendations adopted at that meeting,

Noting with satisfaction the excellent co-operation that has developed between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in areas of common endeavour,

Aware of the special needs of the newly independent African States, particularly with regard to the consolidation of their national independence, their endeavours towards social and economic betterment and the adverse impact on their economies of the current international economic situation,

Gravely concerned at the deteriorating situation in southern Africa arising from the continued domination of the people of the area by the minority racist régimes, and conscious of the need to provide increased assistance to the peoples of the region and to their liberation movements in their struggle against colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

Aware of its responsibilities to provide economic, material and humanitarian assistance to independent States in southern Africa to help them to cope with the situation caused by the acts of aggression against their territories by the *apartheid* régime in South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recognizing the importance of taking effective steps to give the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the liberation struggle of the peoples in southern Africa,

Recognizing the need for continuous liaison, exchange of information at the secretariat level and technical co-operation on such matters as training and

¹⁶ A/33/253 and Corr.1 and 2.

¹⁷ See A/33/235 and Corr.1, annex II.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Plenary Meetings*, 10th meeting, paras. 2-63.