

11. *Also appeals* to Member States to encourage the mass information media and educational and cultural institutions to strive to arouse a greater and more general awareness with regard to the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin;

12. *Urges* all Governments to reproduce the reports and studies made by archaeologists and explorers from the developed countries, especially if those studies are out of print, and to make them available to the countries of origin;

13. *Invites once again* Member States to sign and ratify the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take the necessary measures to alert and mobilize international public opinion in favour of the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, in particular by mobilizing the United Nations information media for this purpose;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

16. *Reiterates its desire* that the second World Conference on Cultural Policies, to be held in 1982, should devote considerable attention to the question of return or restitution of cultural property with a view to improving international cultural co-operation;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin".

*74th plenary meeting  
27 November 1981*

### **36/67. International Year of Peace and International Day of Peace**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that the promotion of peace, both at an international and a national level, is among the main purposes of the United Nations, in conformity with its Charter,

*Reaffirming* that, as set forth in the preamble of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed, that a peace based exclusively upon the political and economic arrangements of Governments would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous, lasting and sincere support of the peoples of the world, and that the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind,

*Further recalling* that, on the basis of similar considerations, the General Assembly established the United Nations University in 1972<sup>28</sup> and, more specifically, the University for Peace in 1980,<sup>29</sup> and entrusted other organs and organizations of the United Nations system with the promotion of peace, mainly through education in all its aspects,

*Noting with appreciation* the initiative taken by the International Association of University Presidents at its Sixth Triennial Conference, held at San José from 28 June to 3

July 1981, to propose the Declaration of a Peace Year, a Peace Month and a Peace Day,<sup>30</sup>

*Acknowledging* the conclusions of the Conference that it would be appropriate to devote a specific time to concentrate the efforts of the United Nations and its Member States, as well as of the whole of mankind, to promoting the ideals of peace and to giving positive evidence of their commitment to peace in all viable ways,

*Considering* that, through the declaration and proper celebration of an International Year of Peace and an International Day of Peace, it would be possible to contribute to strengthening such ideals of peace and alleviating the tensions and causes of conflict, both within and among nations and peoples,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1982, the possibility of declaring an International Year of Peace at the first practicable opportunity, taking into account the urgency and special nature of such an observance as well as the guidelines for international years and anniversaries adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980, and to submit its recommendations to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the basis of appropriate arrangements for the timing, organization and financing of the Year;

2. *Declares* that the third Tuesday of September, the opening day of the regular sessions of the General Assembly, shall be officially proclaimed and observed as International Day of Peace and shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples;

3. *Invites* all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, peoples and individuals to commemorate in an appropriate manner the International Day of Peace, especially through all means of education, and to co-operate with the United Nations in the observance of that Day.

*77th plenary meeting  
30 November 1981*

### **36/68. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>31</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, and 35/118 of 11 December 1980, the annex to which contains the Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling* all its previous resolutions concerning the implementation of the Declaration, in particular resolution 35/119 of 11 December 1980, as well as the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

*Recalling*, in particular, its resolution ES-8/2 of 14 September 1981 concerning the question of Namibia and taking

<sup>28</sup> Resolution 2951 (XXVII).

<sup>29</sup> Resolution 35/55.

<sup>30</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 133, document A/36/197, annex.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/36/23/Rev.1)*.