

RESOLUTION III – THE MERGER BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA AND SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

THEME : POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

CONCERN : HISTORICAL JUSTICE, RECOGNITION OF COLONIAL INJUSTICES AND THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR REPARATION AND RECONCILIATION (IFRR)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Recalling the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular respect for sovereignty, equality among peoples and the right to self-determination,

Recognizing that colonization has generated profound economic, social, cultural and psychological consequences which continue to affect formerly colonized countries,

Highlighting that millions of people in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean were exploited, displaced and dehumanized, while their natural resources contributed generously, and often involuntarily, to the development and prosperity of other continents,

Concerned deeply that many countries and peoples around the world still suffer today from the negative effects of colonization on economic, political, social and cultural levels,

Affirming that reparations constitute neither aid nor an act of charity, but rather an act of historical and moral justice,

Decides to recognize the historical debt linked to colonization and the exploitation of formerly colonized peoples,

to create a United Nations Commission on Colonial Reparations (UNCCR), tasked with assessing the economic, social and cultural damages caused by former colonial powers;

to establish an International Fund for Reparation and Reconciliation (IFRR), financed according to:

- the duration of colonial duration
- the estimated value of extracted resources,
- the historical profits generated,
- and the economic, social and cultural damages caused;

to require the concerned Member States to publicly recognize the crimes and injustices committed during colonization and to present official apologies in a spirit of reconciliation, considering this contribution not as a burden, but as a rare opportunity to restore their conscience at little cost.

The french text binding.