

3. *Further invites* the Government of the United Kingdom to put into effect the General Assembly resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia, in particular resolutions 1747 (XVI) and 1760 (XVII).

*1241st plenary meeting,
14 October 1963.*

1889 (XVIII). Question of Southern Rhodesia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the question of Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1747 (XVI) of 28 June 1962 and 1760 (XVII) of 31 October 1962, the resolution adopted on 20 June 1963 by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples¹ and General Assembly resolution 1883 (XVIII) of 14 October 1963,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the question of Southern Rhodesia,² in particular with regard to the continued denial to the vast majority of the African population of their basic political rights,

Bearing in mind the contents of the reports of the Secretary-General submitted on 19 December 1962⁴ and 6 June 1963,⁵

Bearing also in mind the oral petitions presented to the Fourth Committee,

Taking into consideration the decisions concerning decolonization taken at the Summit Conference of Independent African States held in May 1963 at Addis Ababa, particularly those relating to Southern Rhodesia,

Deeply concerned at the explosive situation existing in Southern Rhodesia owing to the denial of political rights to the vast majority of the African population and the entrenchment of the minority régime in power,

Mindful of the aggravation of the situation in Southern Rhodesia, which constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Being aware that the settler minority government of Southern Rhodesia has requested the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to grant independence to the Territory under the 1961 Constitution, the abrogation of which has been requested by the General Assembly,

1. *Approves* 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, particularly its conclusions and recommendations, and expresses appreciation for its work;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Southern Rhodesia to self-determination and independence;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts in connexion with the question of Southern Rhodesia;

4. *Expresses deep regret* that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has not implemented the various resolutions of the General Assembly on Southern Rhodesia;

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 23, document A/5446/Rev.1, chapter III.

² *Ibid.*, *Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 56, document A/5396.

³ *Ibid.*, *Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 75, document A/5426.

5. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom not to accede to the request of the present minority government of Southern Rhodesia for independence until majority rule based on universal adult suffrage is established in the Territory;

6. *Once more invites* the Government of the United Kingdom to hold without delay a constitutional conference in which representatives of all political parties of the Territory will take part with a view to making constitutional arrangements for independence, on the basis of universal adult suffrage, including the fixing of the earliest possible date for independence;

7. *Urges* all Member States, in particular those having the closest relations with the Government of the United Kingdom, to use their influence to the utmost with a view to ensuring the realization of the legitimate aspirations of the people of Southern Rhodesia;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to lend his good offices to promote conciliation in the Territory, as stated in paragraph 4 of resolution 1760 (XVII), and to report both to the General Assembly during the eighteenth session and to the Special Committee on the results of his efforts;

9. *Decides* to keep the question of Southern Rhodesia on the agenda of its eighteenth session.

*1255th plenary meeting,
6 November 1963.*

1899 (XVIII). Question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of South West Africa,

Having considered the report on this question submitted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,⁶

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

Bearing in mind the principles of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, set forth in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling all its resolutions relating to South West Africa, especially resolutions 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962,

Considering the decisions relating to decolonization adopted at the Summit Conference of Independent African States, held in May 1963 at Addis Ababa, particularly those concerning South West Africa,

Deeply regretting that the Government of the Republic of South Africa has taken no steps to implement the resolutions of the General Assembly on South West Africa and, in particular, that it has refused to allow a United Nations technical assistance resident representative to be stationed in that Territory,

Further deploring the refusal of the Government of South Africa to co-operate with the Special Committee, which has prevented the Committee from discharging the tasks assigned to it by General Assembly resolution 1805 (XVII),

Noting with deep concern the continuing deterioration of the situation in South West Africa resulting from the intensification of the policies of *apartheid*, which has been unanimously censured and categorically con-

⁶ *Ibid.*, addendum to agenda item 23, document A/5446/Rev.1, chapter IV.

demned by the General Assembly in resolutions 1761 (XVII) of 6 November 1962 and 1881 (XVIII) of 11 October 1963,

Observing with profound regret that the Government of South Africa has persistently and deliberately failed to fulfil its international obligations in the administration of the Mandated Territory of South West Africa,

Considering that any attempt by the Government of South Africa to annex a part or the whole of the Territory of South West Africa would be contrary to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950⁷ and would constitute a violation of that Government's obligations under the Mandate and of its other international obligations,

Considering further that the continuing support received by the Government of South Africa from certain Powers or certain financial groups encourages it to persist in its attitude and enables it to do so,

Deeply concerned at the present critical situation in South West Africa, the continuation of which constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

Taking into consideration the special responsibilities of the United Nations with regard to the Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Approves* 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 on the question of South West Africa, particularly its conclusions and recommendations, and expresses keen appreciation for the work of the Committee;

2. *Solemnly reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of South West Africa to self-determination and independence;

3. *Condemns* the Government of the Republic of South Africa for its persistent refusal to co-operate with the United Nations in applying the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Considers* that any attempt to annex a part or the whole of the Territory of South West Africa constitutes an act of aggression;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts with a view to achieving the objectives stated in paragraphs 5 and 6 of General Assembly resolution 1805 (XVII);

(b) To invite the Government of South Africa to inform him of its decision regarding the provisions of those paragraphs not later than 30 November 1963;

(c) To report to the General Assembly immediately after he has received the reply of the Government of South Africa;

6. *Decides* to draw the attention of the Security Council to the present critical situation in South West Africa, the continuation of which constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security;

7. *Urges* all States which have not yet done so to take, separately or collectively, the following measures with reference to the question of South West Africa:

(a) Refrain forthwith from supplying in any manner or form any arms or military equipment to South Africa;

(b) Refrain also from supplying in any manner or form any petroleum or petroleum products to South Africa;

(c) Refrain from any action which might hamper the implementation of the present resolution and of the previous General Assembly resolutions on South West Africa;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee:

(a) To continue its efforts with a view to discharging the tasks assigned to it by resolution 1805 (XVII);

(b) To consider, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the agencies of the United Nations, the implications of the activities of the mining industry and the other international companies having interests in South West Africa, in order to assess their economic and political influence and their mode of operation;

(c) To report on these questions to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session;

9. *Decides* to maintain the question of South West Africa on the agenda of its eighteenth session and to resume consideration of this question in the light of the reply of the Government of South Africa, given in accordance with paragraph 5 above, and immediately after receipt of that reply.

1257th plenary meeting,
13 November 1963.

1900 (XVIII). Petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has received and examined ninety-four petitions concerning South West Africa, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962,

Noting further that those petitions dealt, *inter alia*, with the general situation and the events occurring within the Territory of South West Africa, the establishment of a United Nations presence in the Territory in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 1805 (XVII), the attitude of the Government of the Republic of South Africa towards the resolutions of the General Assembly, the problems faced by South West Africans, including students, travelling through the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the consideration of the question of South West Africa in the United Nations,

Draws the attention of the petitioners concerned to the report on South West Africa submitted to the General Assembly by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,⁶ to the report of the Secretary-General on special educational and training programmes for South West Africa,⁸ and to the resolutions on the question of South West Africa adopted by the Assembly at its eighteenth session.

1257th plenary meeting,
13 November 1963.

⁷ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 55, documents A/5526 and Add.1.*