

families of persons persecuted by the Government of South Africa for their opposition to the policies of *apartheid*, and recommended that the international community, for humanitarian reasons, provide them with relief and other assistance.<sup>6</sup>

*Considering* that such assistance is consonant with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Noting* that those families continue to suffer serious hardship,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek ways and means of providing relief and assistance, through the appropriate international agencies, to the families of all persons persecuted by the Government of the Republic of South Africa for their opposition to the policies of *apartheid*;

2. *Invites* Member States and organizations to contribute generously to such relief and assistance;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1283rd plenary meeting,  
16 December 1963.*

### 1990 (XVIII). Question of the composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly: amendments to rules 31 and 38 of the Assembly's rules of procedure

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking into account* the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations,

*Taking also into account* that the General Committee of the General Assembly should be so constituted as to ensure its representative character on the basis of a balanced geographical distribution among its members,

*Believing* that for those reasons it is desirable to enlarge the composition of the General Committee,

*Noting* that the General Committee is composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees,

1. *Decides* to amend rules 31 and 38 of its rules of procedure as follows:

#### *"Rule 31*

"The General Assembly shall elect a President and seventeen Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees referred to in rule 101, on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee."

#### *"Rule 38*

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the seventeen Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Com-

mittee and may participate without vote in the discussions."

2. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly, the seventeen Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the seven Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected as provided in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to cancel all previous resolutions and stipulations in connexion with the composition of the General Committee and to modify all related provisions in its rules of procedure.

*1285th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1963.*

### ANNEX

1. In the election of the President of the General Assembly, regard shall be had for equitable geographical rotation of this office among the regions mentioned in paragraph 4 below.

2. The seventeen Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly shall be elected according to the following pattern, subject to paragraph 3 below:

(a) Seven representatives from African and Asian States;

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) Three representatives from Latin American States;

(d) Two representatives from Western European and other States;

(e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

3. The election of the President of the General Assembly will, however, have the effect of reducing by one the number of vice-presidencies allocated to the region from which the President is elected in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

4. The seven Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Three representatives from African and Asian States;

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) One representative from a Latin American State;

(d) One representative from a Western European or other State;

(e) The seventh chairmanship shall rotate every alternate year among representatives of States mentioned in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) above.

### 1991 (XVIII). Question of equitable representation on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council

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*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the present composition of the Security Council is inequitable and unbalanced,

*Recognizing* that the increase in the membership of the United Nations makes it necessary to enlarge the membership of the Security Council, thus providing for a more adequate geographical representation of non-permanent members and making it a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Decides* to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendments to the Charter and to submit them for

<sup>6</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, document A/5497, para. 513.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., agenda item 21, document A/5487, para. 9.