

1. *Reiterates* its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954 and 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Reasserts* that the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory would be to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations.

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1056 (XI). Hearings of petitioners on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having granted hearings to Mr. Mburumba Kerina Getzen, a petitioner from South West Africa, and the Reverend Michael Scott, a petitioner on behalf of African inhabitants of South West Africa,

1. *Takes note* of the statements of the petitioners on behalf of African inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa under the administration of the Union of South Africa;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Committee on South West Africa the statements of the petitioners for study and consideration.

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1057 (XI). Petition and communications from Mr. Jacobus Beukes concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitioners in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report from the Committee on South West Africa dealing with a petition and related communications dated 4 July, 1 August and 5 November 1955 from Mr. Jacobus Beukes, Burger Secretary of the Rehoboth Community of South West Africa,¹⁶

Noting that the petitioner raises questions on which the General Assembly has already taken action in resolution 935 (X) of 3 December 1955,

Noting that the petitioner raises a further question concerning the right of petition to the United Nations by the original citizens of the Rehoboth Community and by the "immigrant citizens" of that Community, and demands that the "citizenship" rights granted by the Rehoboth Community to certain immigrant inhabit-

ants be cancelled on the ground that they had improperly submitted to the United Nations a petition expressing views contrary to those held by the original inhabitants of the Rehoboth Community,

1. *Decides* to call the attention of the petitioner to its resolution 935 (X) of 3 December 1955;

2. *Further decides* to inform the petitioner that all inhabitants of the Mandated Territory, including the so-called immigrant members of the Rehoboth Community, have the right to submit petitions to the United Nations.

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1058 (XI). Petition from Ukuanyama Tribal Congress concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report from the Committee on South West Africa dealing with a petition dated 14 January 1956 from the Ukuanyama Tribal Congress, Ovamboland,¹⁷

Noting that the petitioners allege that, while the Reverend T. H. Hamtumbangela was petitioning on their behalf to the United Nations, the Minister of Native Affairs of the Union of South Africa ordered his removal from Ovamboland, and that headmen and sub-headmen who supported the Reverend Hamtumbangela were to be deposed,

Noting that the petitioners request that the case of the Reverend Hamtumbangela be brought before the International Court of Justice for its compulsory jurisdiction,

Noting further that the petitioners raise questions on which the General Assembly, in resolution 937 (X) of 3 December 1955 concerning a petition and a related communication from the Reverend Hamtumbangela, has already taken action,

1. *Decides* to inform the petitioners that it has at present insufficient information upon which to take any action with respect to their complaints concerning the alleged order for the removal of the Reverend T. H. Hamtumbangela from Ovamboland and the deposing of headmen and sub-headmen who supported him;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the petitioners resolution 937 (X) of 3 December 1955, and the reports of the Committee on South West Africa¹⁸ submitted to the General Assembly at its tenth and eleventh sessions containing the observations and recommendations of the Committee regarding other questions raised by the petitioners;

3. *Decides* to draw the attention of the petitioners, in particular, to the observations and recommendations

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, chapter V, section B, and annex IX.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3151 and Corr.1), chapter V, section B, and annex VI.*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913), and *ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3151 and Corr.1).

of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the transfer of "Native" administration to the Minister of Native Affairs of the Union of South Africa and concerning the rights and freedoms of the inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa.

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1059 (XI). Solution of the question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Considering that, of the Territories that were under class B and class C Mandate of the League of Nations at the time of the League's demise, the Territory of South West Africa remains the only one that has not been placed under the International Trusteeship System established by the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering it in the best interest of all parties concerned that a satisfactory solution of the question of South West Africa should be reached as soon as possible,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Bearing in mind the various resolutions of the General Assembly concerning the Territory of South West Africa and the desire expressed by Member States that all possible efforts be made to bring this problem to a satisfactory conclusion in the spirit of harmony that prevails in the United Nations,

Expressing the hope that the Government of the Union of South Africa will offer to the United Nations its full co-operation,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Secretary-General to the discussions in the Fourth Committee and in the General Assembly in plenary meeting on the question of South West Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of solving satisfactorily the question of South West Africa and to take whatever steps he shall deem necessary with a view to finding such a solution in line with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at his earliest convenience.

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1060 (XI). Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of the Mandate for South West Africa, the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the General Assembly in regard to South West Africa,

Noting that its resolutions endorsing and accepting the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice and urging the Union of

South Africa to place the Territory of South West Africa under trusteeship have been of no avail,

1. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa to study the following question:

"What legal action is open to the organs of the United Nations, or to the Members of the United Nations, or to the former Members of the League of Nations, acting either individually or jointly, to ensure that the Union of South Africa fulfils the obligations assumed by it under the Mandate, pending the placing of the Territory of South West Africa under the International Trusteeship System?"

2. *Further requests* the Committee on South West Africa to submit to the General Assembly at its twelfth session a special report containing conclusions and recommendations on the question.

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1061 (XI). Composition of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, it established, until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa concerning the question of South West Africa, a Committee on South West Africa consisting of seven Members.

Considering that the continuing absence of such an agreement requires that the Committee on South West Africa should remain in existence for the purposes set forth in resolution 749 A (VIII),

Decides that:

(a) The composition of the Committee on South West Africa shall be increased to nine members appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee;

(b) One-third of the membership of the Committee shall be renewed by the same procedure annually.

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At its 661st plenary meeting on 26 February 1957, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee, appointed Ethiopia and Finland as additional members of the Committee on South West Africa. The Committee is therefore composed as follows: BRAZIL, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SYRIA, THAILAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

1062 (XI). Travel documents of petitioners from Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having received and granted several requests for hearings from petitioners in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration,¹⁹

Having also received a memorandum by the Secretary-General²⁰ on this question,

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Eleventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/C.4/330 and Add.1 to 26.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/333.