

1138 (XII). Petitions and communications from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,¹

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa by its 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 Africa² dealing with a petition dated 16 July 1956 and a petition dated 23 January 1957, together with related communications, from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community of South West Africa,

Noting that the petitioner, in his petition dated 16 July 1956,³ alleges that the 1956 elections to the Advisory Board of the Rehoboth Community were surrounded by confusion and were not conducted in accordance with the patriarchal law of the Community,

Noting that the petitioner, in his petition dated 23 January 1957,⁴ raises questions concerning the disposal of Community property and makes allegations concerning the exercise of the functions of the Magistrate of the Rehoboth District and the Advisory Board of the Community,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Union of South Africa, as the Mandatory Power, to the observations and allegations made by the petitioner and requests it to investigate the matters raised by him;

2. *Further draws the attention* of the Mandatory Power to General Assembly resolution 935 (X) of 3 December 1955 concerning the rights granted to the Rehoboth Community by the Agreement of 17 August 1923 between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Rehoboth Community, ratified and confirmed by Proclamation No. 28 of 1923.

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25 October 1957.*

1139 (XII). Petitions and communications from Mr. Johannes Dausab and others, Chief Hosea Kutako, Mr. Wilhelm Heyn and Dr. Joachim Seegert, and Mr. Jacobus Beukes concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,¹

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,² arrived at without the assistance

¹ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), chapter VI, section A.*

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), annex VI.

⁴ *Ibid.*, annex VII.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), chapter VI, sections B and C.

of the Mandatory Power, dealing with a petition dated 10 October 1956 from Mr. Johannes Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve,⁶ a petition dated 30 October 1956 and related communications dated 28 May and 26 June 1957 from Chief Hosea Kutako,⁷ a petition dated 3 January 1957 and a related communication dated 16 March 1957 from Mr. Wilhelm Heyn and Dr. Joachim Seegert,⁸ and a petition dated 27 March 1957 from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community,⁹

Noting that these petitions and communications raise questions relating to various aspects of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and of conditions in the Territory upon which the Committee has presented a report,

Decides to draw the attention of the petitioners to the report and observations of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory, submitted to the General Assembly at its twelfth session, and to the action taken by the Assembly on this report.

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25 October 1957.*

1140 (XII). Conditions in the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the fourth report submitted to it, in accordance with resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, by the Committee on South West Africa,¹⁰

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Approves* the report of the Committee concerning conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.¹¹

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1141 (XII). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by 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, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955 and 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,¹

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), annex IX.

⁷ *Ibid.*, annex X.

⁸ *Ibid.*, annex XI.

⁹ *Ibid.*, annex XII.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626).

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), annex I.