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1243 (XIII). Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa¹

The General Assembly,

Having considered, with appreciation of the difficulties of the task, the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa² established under General Assembly resolution 1143 (XII) of 25 October 1957,

1. *Decides* not to accept the suggestions contained in the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa that envisage partition and annexation of any part of the Territory as a basis for the solution of the question of South West Africa;

2. *Invites* the Committee to renew discussions with the Government of the Union of South Africa in order to find a basis for an agreement which would continue to accord to the Mandated Territory of South West Africa as a whole an international status, and which would be in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Committee, in the conduct of its work, to bear fully in mind the discussions held at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Committee to submit a further report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with all necessary staff and facilities.

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30 October 1958.*

1244 (XIII). Petitions and communications in regard to 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,³

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 dealing with petitions dated 24 July and 10 August 1957, as well as an undated petition from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community, a petition dated 12 October 1957

¹ See resolution 1333 (XIII).

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 39, document A/3900.

³ *International status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

and related communications from Mr. Johannes Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, a petition dated 27 November 1957 from Chief Hosea Kutako, a petition dated 22 July 1958 from the Reverend Michael Scott and a related communication dated 29 July 1958 from Chief Hosea Kutako and other Hereros, a petition dated 13 June 1957 from Mr. Nghuwo Jopongo of the Ukuanyama Tribal Congress, a petition dated 3 August 1957 from Mr. Toivo Herman Ja Toivo and eighty other Ovambo, a petition dated 22 November 1957 from Mr. S. Shoombe and one hundred other Ovambo, and petitions dated 14 May and 1 and 4 July 1958 from Mr. Mburumba Kerina (Getzen),⁴

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 thirteenth session, and to the action taken by the General Assembly on this report.

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30 October 1958.*

1245 (XIII). Conditions in the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the fifth report submitted to it in accordance with its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953 by the Committee on South West Africa,⁵

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;⁶

3. *Expresses its deep concern* regarding the social, economic and political situations now prevailing in the Territory;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the report of the Committee.

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30 October 1958.*

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1)*, part I, chap. V; see also annexes II to VII and IX to XIII.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1).

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1), part III.