

1667 (XVI). Admission of Tanganyika to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 14 December 1961 that Tanganyika should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,⁹

Having considered the application for membership of Tanganyika,¹⁰

Decides to admit Tanganyika to membership in the United Nations.

*1078th plenary meeting,
14 December 1961.*

1668 (XVI). Representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting that a serious divergence of views exists among Member States concerning the representation of a founder Member who is named in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that this matter has been described repeatedly in the General Assembly by all segments of opinion as vital and crucial and that on numerous occasions its inclusion in the agenda has been requested under rule 15 of the Assembly's rules of procedure as an item of an important and urgent character,

Recalling further the recommendation contained in its resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950 that, whenever more than one authority claims to be the government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations, the question should be considered in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter and the circumstances of each case,

Decides, in accordance with Article 18 of the Charter of the United Nations, that any proposal to change the representation of China is an important question.

*1080th plenary meeting,
15 December 1961.*

1669 (XVI). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1960 to 15 July 1961.¹¹

*1080th plenary meeting,
15 December 1961.*

1670 (XVI). Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 1136 (XII) of 14 October 1957 and 1381 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 92, document A/5033.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/5021.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/4867).*

Conscious of the fact that present international circumstances are not auspicious for a review of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing at the same time the need for such a review as soon as international circumstances permit,

1. *Decides* to keep in being the Committee on arrangements for a Conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter and to request the Committee to report, with recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than at its seventeenth session;

2. *Requests* that the work envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 992 (X) should be continued.

*1080th plenary meeting,
15 December 1961.*

1723 (XVI). Question of Tibet

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1353 (XIV) of 21 October 1959 on the question of Tibet,

Gravely concerned at the continuation of events in Tibet, including the violation of the fundamental human rights of the Tibetan people and the suppression of the distinctive cultural and religious life which they have traditionally enjoyed,

Noting with deep anxiety the severe hardships which these events have inflicted on the Tibetan people, as evidenced by the large-scale exodus of Tibetan refugees to the neighbouring countries,

Considering that these events violate fundamental human rights and freedoms set out in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the principle of self-determination of peoples and nations, and have the deplorable effect of increasing international tension and embittering relations between peoples,

1. *Reaffirms its conviction* that respect for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is essential for the evolution of a peaceful world order based on the rule of law;

2. *Solemnly renews* its call for the cessation of practices which deprive the Tibetan people of their fundamental human rights and freedoms, including their right to self-determination;

3. *Expresses the hope* that Member States will make all possible efforts, as appropriate, towards achieving the purposes of the present resolution.

*1085th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1741 (XVI). Question of Hungary

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Representative on Hungary,¹² Sir Leslie Munro, who is responsible to the General Assembly for reporting on significant developments relating to the implementation of the Assembly's resolutions on Hungary,

¹² *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 89, document A/4996.*

Deplores the continued disregard by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present Hungarian régime of the General Assembly resolutions concerning the situation in Hungary.

*1087th plenary meeting,
20 December 1961.*

1742 (XVI). The situation in Angola

The General Assembly,

Having considered the situation in Angola,

Recalling its resolution 1603 (XV) of 20 April 1961 and the Security Council resolution of 9 June 1961,¹³

Having examined the report of the Sub-Committee on the situation in Angola appointed under resolution 1603 (XV),¹⁴

Deploring the lack of co-operation and assistance by Portugal in the full and effective discharge of the Sub-Committee's task as called for in the aforementioned resolutions,

Noting with deep regret Portugal's refusal to recognize Angola as a Non-Self-Governing Territory and its failure to take measures to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Convinced that the continued refusal of Portugal to recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Angolan people to self-determination and independence constitutes a permanent source of international friction and threatens international peace and security,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Sub-Committee on the situation in Angola and commends to the Portuguese Government, for urgent consideration and effective implementation, the observations, findings and conclusions set out in the Sub-Committee's report;

¹³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Sixteenth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1961, document S/4835.*

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/4978 and Corr.2).*

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

3. *Deeply deprecates* the repressive measures and armed action against the people of Angola and the denial to them of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and calls upon the Portuguese authorities to desist forthwith from repressive measures against the people of Angola;

4. *Appeals* to the Government of Portugal to release immediately all Angolan political prisoners wherever they may be held;

5. *Urges* the Government of Portugal to undertake, without further delay, extensive political, economic and social reforms and measures, and in particular to set up freely elected and representative political institutions with a view to transfer of power to the people of Angola;

6. *Decides* to continue the Sub-Committee on the situation in Angola appointed under General Assembly resolution 1603 (XV);

(a) To continue the performance of its tasks;

(b) To study ways and means to secure the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Security Council and to the General Assembly;

7. *Requests* Member States to use their influence to secure the compliance of Portugal with the present resolution;

8. *Requests* all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to deny Portugal any support and assistance which may be used by it for the suppression of the people of Angola;

9. *Requests* the Government of Portugal to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session on the measures it has undertaken in the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Recommends* the Security Council, in the light of the Council's resolution of 9 June 1961 and of the present resolution, to keep the matter under constant review.

*1102nd plenary meeting,
30 January 1962.*