

2. *Suggests* to the Governments of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa that they should seek a solution of the question by direct negotiations;

3. *Suggests, moreover,* that the parties concerned should designate a Government, agency or person to facilitate contacts between them and assist them in settling the dispute;

4. *Decides* that, if within the next six months following the date of the present resolution the parties have not reached agreement on the suggestions made in the foregoing paragraphs, the Secretary-General shall designate a person for the purposes specified above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the results obtained.

*497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.*

817 (IX). Admission of new Members to the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting the growing general feeling in favour of the universality of the United Nations, membership in which is open to all peace-loving States which accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out those obligations,

Having considered the report⁴ of the Committee of Good Offices established by General Assembly resolution 718 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

Noting that, notwithstanding the best endeavours of the Committee of Good Offices, the problem remains unresolved,

Further noting the views recorded by the Committee of Good Offices that possibilities of reaching an understanding remain and that "different views may eventually be harmonized within the spirit of the Charter",

1. *Expresses appreciation* of the work and efforts of the Committee of Good Offices;

2. *Decides* to send back to the Security Council the pending applications for membership, together with a full record of the discussions at the present session of the General Assembly, for further consideration and positive recommendations;

3. *Suggests* that the Security Council consider the desirability of invoking the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 28 of the Charter to help resolve the problem;

4. *Requests* the Committee of Good Offices to continue its efforts;

5. *Requests* the Security Council and the Committee of Good Offices to report to the General Assembly during the present session if possible and in any event during the tenth session.

*501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 21, document A/2720.

818 (IX). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952 and 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953,

Noting the annual report⁵ of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and the special report⁶ of the Director and the Advisory Commission of UNRWA,

Noting that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), has not been effected and that the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of grave concern,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to the rights of the refugees to repatriation or compensation, to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for five years ending 30 June 1960;

2. *Requests* the Agency to continue its consultation with the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine in the best interest of their respective tasks, with particular reference to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III);

3. *Requests* the Governments of the area to continue to co-operate with the Director of the Agency in seeking and carrying out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

4. *Decides* to maintain the rehabilitation fund of \$200 million, subject to reductions for expenditures already made;

5. *Approves* a relief budget of \$25,100,000 and a rehabilitation budget of \$36,200,000 for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1955;

6. *Requests* the Director, in consultation with the Advisory Commission of UNRWA, to study and report upon the problem of assistance which should be given to other claimants for relief, particularly children and needy inhabitants of villages along the demarcation lines;

7. *Authorizes* the Director to prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Commission, the budgets for relief and rehabilitation in advance of each fiscal year, which budgets he shall transmit to the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, without prejudice to review each year by the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, after receipt of such budgets from the Director of UNRWA, to seek such funds as may be required by the Agency;

9. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member and non-member States to make voluntary contributions to the extent necessary to carry through to fulfilment the Agency's programmes, and thanks the numerous religious, charitable and humanitarian organizations for

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 18, document A/2717/Add.1.