

2. *Decides* to transmit to the petitioners the report and observations¹² made by the Committee on South West Africa at its second session regarding conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

937 (X). Petition and related communication from the Reverend T. H. Hamtumbangela concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹³ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa, including the opinion that petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa are to be transmitted by the Government of the Union of South Africa "to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is legally qualified to deal with them",

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by General Assembly 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 5 October 1954, and a related communication, dated 19 February 1955, from the Reverend T. H. Hamtumbangela,¹⁴

Noting that the petitioner requests that the question of the future status of the Territory of South West Africa be submitted to the International Court of Justice for decision,

Noting further that the petitioner raises questions concerning the racially discriminatory measures applied against the non-European population of the Territory,

1. *Decides* to inform the petitioner that, according to the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice:

(a) "South West Africa is a territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on December 17th, 1920";

(b) "... the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa";

(c) "... competence to determine and modify the international status of the Territory [of South West Africa] rests with the Union of South Africa acting with the consent of the United Nations";

and that the General Assembly, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, accepted the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa;

Noting the observations of the Committee on South West Africa with respect to discriminatory measures applied in the Territory against the non-European population,

¹² *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹³ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913)*, chap. VIII and annex VIII.

2. *Decides* to transmit to the petitioner the report and observations¹⁵ made by the Committee on South West Africa at its second session regarding conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

938 (X). Petition from Miss Margery F. Perham concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁶ 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 General Assembly 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 November 1953 from Miss Margery F. Perham,¹⁷

Noting the petitioner's statement that Mr. Himumuine, a Native school principal of South West Africa, has been unable to avail himself of a scholarship at Oxford University because the Government of the Union of South Africa has refused to grant him a passport and has given no reason for its action,

Noting that education forms the foundation of all development in the Territory and that educational facilities for Natives are still inadequate,

1. *Is of the opinion* that the withholding of a passport from a qualified student for the purpose of studying abroad is not only a direct interference in the educational and general advancement of an individual but a hindrance to the educational development of the Territory of South West Africa which was entrusted under the Covenant of the League of Nations to the administration of the Union of South Africa;

2. *Regrets* that the Government of the Union of South Africa did not respond to the appeal addressed to it by the representatives of such an eminent educational institution as Oxford University;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to use his good offices with the Government of the Union of South Africa in order to assist Mr. Himumuine to obtain a passport and all other administrative facilities so that he may avail himself of the scholarship granted to him by Oxford University.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

939 (X). Petition from Mr. Jariretundu Kozonguizi concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁸ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹⁶ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

¹⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2666 and Corr.1)*, chap. VII and annex VI.

¹⁸ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.