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AGENDA¹

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Afghanistan.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the fifth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President.
5. Organization of the session.
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7. Question of South West Africa.
8. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects.
9. Question of the postponement to 1968 of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

¹ The General Assembly adopted this agenda at its 1502nd plenary meeting, on 21 April 1967. Items 1 to 8 appeared in the provisional agenda (A/6638); item 9 was a supplementary item (A/6642). At the same meeting, the Assembly decided that the items included in the agenda would be considered in plenary meeting, on the understanding that, with respect to item 7, the petitioners asking to speak on the item would be heard by the Fourth Committee, which would submit a report to the Assembly in plenary meeting before the latter concluded its consideration of the question.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE²

(Item 3 (a))

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed the Credentials Committee and decided that the Committee would have the same composition as that for the twenty-first session.

The Committee was constituted as follows: AUSTRIA, EL SALVADOR, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, NEPAL, NICARAGUA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*1502nd plenary meeting,
21 April 1967.*

² See resolution 2251 (S-V), p. 3.

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Items 4 and 5)

The General Assembly decided that the President, Vice-President and Chairmen of the Main Committees of the twenty-first session would serve in the same capacities at the fifth special session, except that, in so far as the Chairmen of the Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees were concerned, Morocco, Turkey and Czechoslovakia would appoint representatives to replace Mrs. Halima Warzazi, Mr. Vahap Aşiroglu and Mr. Vratislav Pěchota, respectively, who were absent.

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the fifth special session was therefore constituted as follows:

President of the General Assembly:

Mr. Abdul Rahman PAZHWAQ (Afghanistan).

Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:

The representatives of the following Member States: AUSTRIA, BOLIVIA, CHINA, CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF), COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, GABON, GREECE, HUNGARY, IRAQ, RWANDA, SENEGAL, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly:

First Committee: Mr. Leopoldo BENITES (Ecuador);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Max JAKOBSON (Finland);

Second Committee: Mr. Moraiwid M. TELL (Jordan);

Third Committee: Mr. Mohamed TABITI (Morocco);

Fourth Committee: Mr. FAKHREDDINE Mohamed (Sudan);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Nazif CUHRUK (Turkey);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Zdeněk SEINER (Czechoslovakia).

*1502nd plenary meeting,
21 April 1967.*

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING ITS FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION³

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2248 (S-V). Question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee for South West Africa,⁴

Reaffirming its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Reaffirming its resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, by which it terminated the Mandate conferred upon His Britannic Majesty to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Union of South Africa and decided that South Africa had no other right to administer the Territory of South West Africa,

Having assumed direct responsibility for the Territory of South West Africa in accordance with resolution 2145 (XXI),

Recognizing that it has thereupon become incumbent upon the United Nations to give effect to its obligations by taking practical steps to transfer power to the people of South West Africa,

I

Reaffirms the territorial integrity of South West Africa and the inalienable right of its people to freedom and independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and all other resolutions concerning South West Africa;

II

1. *Decides* to establish a United Nations Council for South West Africa (hereinafter referred to as the

Council) comprising eleven Member States to be elected during the present session and to entrust to it the following powers and functions, to be discharged in the Territory:

(a) To administer South West Africa until independence, with the maximum possible participation of the people of the Territory;

(b) To promulgate such laws, decrees and administrative regulations as are necessary for the administration of the Territory until a legislative assembly is established following elections conducted on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

(c) To take as an immediate task all the necessary measures, in consultation with the people of the Territory, for the establishment of a constituent assembly to draw up a constitution on the basis of which elections will be held for the establishment of a legislative assembly and a responsible government;

(d) To take all the necessary measures for the maintenance of law and order in the Territory;

(e) To transfer all powers to the people of the Territory upon the declaration of independence;

2. *Decides* that in the exercise of its powers and in the discharge of its functions the Council shall be responsible to the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* that the Council shall entrust such executive and administrative tasks as it deems necessary to a United Nations Commissioner for South West Africa (hereinafter referred to as the Commissioner), who shall be appointed during the present session by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Secretary-General;

4. *Decides* that in the performance of his tasks the Commissioner shall be responsible to the Council;

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document A/6640.*

III

1. *Decides* that:

(a) The administration of South West Africa under the United Nations shall be financed from the revenues collected in the Territory;

(b) Expenses directly related to the operation of the Council and the Office of the Commissioner—the travel and subsistence expenses of members of the Council, the remuneration of the Commissioner and his staff and the cost of ancillary facilities—shall be met from the regular budget of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and the appropriate organs of the United Nations to render to South West Africa technical and financial assistance through a co-ordinated emergency programme to meet the exigencies of the situation;

IV

1. *Decides* that the Council shall be based in South West Africa;

2. *Requests* the Council to enter immediately into contact with the authorities of South Africa in order to lay down procedures, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI) and the present resolution, for the transfer of the administration of the Territory with the least possible upheaval;

3. *Further requests* the Council to proceed to South West Africa with a view to:

(a) Taking over the administration of the Territory;

(b) Ensuring the withdrawal of South African police and military forces;

(c) Ensuring the withdrawal of South African personnel and their replacement by personnel operating under the authority of the Council;

(d) Ensuring that in the utilization and recruitment of personnel preference be given to the indigenous people;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to comply without delay with the terms of resolution 2145 (XXI) and the present resolution and to facilitate the transfer of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa to the Council;

5. *Requests* the Security Council to take all appropriate measures to enable the United Nations Council for South West Africa to discharge the functions and responsibilities entrusted to it by the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* all States to extend their whole-hearted co-operation and to render assistance to the Council in the implementation of its task;

V

Requests the Council to report to the General Assembly at intervals not exceeding three months on its administration of the Territory, and to submit a special report to the Assembly at its twenty-second session concerning the implementation of the present resolution;

VI

Decides that South West Africa shall become independent on a date to be fixed in accordance with the

wishes of the people and that the Council shall do all in its power to enable independence to be attained by June 1968.

1518th plenary meeting,
19 May 1967.

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At its 1524th plenary meeting, on 13 June 1967, the General Assembly, in pursuance of section II, paragraph 1, of the above resolution, elected the members of the United Nations Council for South West Africa.

The Council will be composed of the following Member States: CHILE, COLOMBIA, GUYANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, TURKEY, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAMBIA.

At the same meeting, in pursuance of section II, paragraph 3, of the above resolution, the General Assembly considered the question of the appointment of the United Nations High Commissioner for South West Africa. On the proposal of the Secretary-General,⁵ the Assembly appointed Mr. Constantin A. STAVROPOULOS, Legal Counsel of the United Nations, as Acting United Nations High Commissioner for South West Africa.

2249 (S-V). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Having examined the fourth report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations,⁶

Recalling the consensus set forth in the report of the Special Committee of 31 August 1965⁷ adopted by the General Assembly at its 1331st plenary meeting, on 1 September 1965, and its resolution 2053 (XX) of 15 December 1965,

Acknowledging the commitments undertaken and the assurances given during the recent session of the Special Committee,⁸

1. *Renews its appeal* to all Member States, and in particular to the highly developed countries, to make voluntary contributions to overcome the continuing financial difficulties of the Organization;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to continue the review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all its aspects and to study the various suggestions made by different delegations during the Special Committee's recent session, in particular those relating to:

(a) Methods of financing future peace-keeping operations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) Facilities, services and personnel which Member States might voluntarily provide, in accordance with the Charter, for United Nations peace-keeping operations;

⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/6656, para. 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 8, document A/6654.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 21, document A/5916.

⁸ The Special Committee met in New York on 16 February, 3 May, 15 May and 16 May 1967.

3. *Requests* the Special Committee to report on the progress of its work to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.

*1521st plenary meeting,
23 May 1967.*

2250 (S-V). Postponement of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2221 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, by which it was decided that a United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space should be held,

Reaffirming the great importance it attaches to this Conference,

1. *Accepts* the unanimous recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;⁹

2. *Decides* that the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space should be postponed from the planned date of Sep-

⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda item 9, document A/6639, annex.

tember 1967 and that it should now be held at Vienna from 14 to 27 August 1968;

3. *Reaffirms* the guidance contained in its resolution 2221 (XXI);

4. *Urges* all participating States to devote their utmost efforts to ensuring the success of the Conference;

5. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session a report on the preparations for, and the organization and proceedings of, the Conference.

*1522nd plenary meeting,
23 May 1967.*

2251 (S-V). Credentials of representatives to the fifth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹⁰

*1522nd plenary meeting,
23 May 1967.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 3, document A/6655/Rev.1.

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Other decisions

**Question of South West Africa¹¹
(Item 7)**

At its 1515th plenary meeting, on 5 May 1967, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fourth Committee on the hearing of petitioners.¹²

**Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects¹³
(Item 8)**

At its 1521st plenary meeting, on 23 May 1967, the General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the Chairman of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations,¹⁴ to transmit the report of the Special Political Committee¹⁵ to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations.

¹¹ See also resolution 2248 (S-V), p. 1.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda item 7, document A/6651.

¹³ See also resolution 2250 (S-V), p. 3.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Special Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1419th meeting, para. 30.

¹⁵ A/6637. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 33, document A/6603.