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39/1. Admission of Brunei Darussalam to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 24 February 1984 that Brunei Darussalam should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,²

Having considered the application for membership of Brunei Darussalam,³

Decides to admit Brunei Darussalam to membership in the United Nations.

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21 September 1984*

39/2. Situation in South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/11 of 15 November 1983 and Security Council resolution 554 (1984) of 17 August 1984, which declared the so-called "new constitution" a further entrenchment of *apartheid*,

Recalling in particular that Security Council resolution 554 (1984) rejected the so-called "new constitution" and declared it null and void,

Also recalling that the said resolutions warned that the imposition of the so-called "new constitution" by the racist régime in South Africa would "further aggravate the already explosive situation prevailing inside *apartheid* South Africa",

Further recalling its various resolutions and those of the Security Council calling upon the authorities in South Africa to abandon *apartheid*, to end oppression and repression of the black majority and to seek a peaceful, just and lasting solution in accordance with the principles of

the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁴

Aware that the majority of the oppressed people of South Africa have decisively rejected the so-called "new constitution" and that the recent demonstrations, strikes and mass uprisings inside *apartheid* South Africa by the oppressed people directly emanate from the imposition of the so-called "new constitution",

Commending the united resistance of the oppressed people of South Africa against the imposition of the so-called "new constitution" and recognizing the legitimacy of their struggle to eliminate *apartheid* and establish a society based on majority rule with equal participation by all the people of South Africa, irrespective of race, colour or creed,

Alarmed by the aggravation of the situation in South Africa, in particular the wanton killing and the maiming of defenceless demonstrators and workers on strike as well as the imposition of virtual martial law conditions intended to facilitate the brutal repression of the black population,

Deeply concerned over the wave of new arbitrary arrests and detention of leaders and activists of mass organizations inside the country, as well as the closure of several schools and universities,

Convinced that South Africa's continued defiance of United Nations resolutions and its imposition of the rejected so-called "new constitution" will inevitably lead to further escalation of the already explosive situation in South Africa and will have far-reaching consequences for southern Africa and the world,

1. *Reiterates its rejection* of the so-called "new constitution" as null and void;

2. *Declares* that the current wave of violence and killing of defenceless demonstrators and striking workers is

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 19, document A/39/363.*

³ *Ibid.*, document A/39/362, annex. For the document submitted to the Security Council, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-ninth*

Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1984, document S/16353.

⁴ Resolution 217 A (III).