

of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the transfer of "Native" administration to the Minister of Native Affairs of the Union of South Africa and concerning the rights and freedoms of the inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa.

*661st plenary meeting,
26 February 1957.*

1059 (XI). Solution of the question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Considering that, of the Territories that were under class B and class C Mandate of the League of Nations at the time of the League's demise, the Territory of South West Africa remains the only one that has not been placed under the International Trusteeship System established by the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering it in the best interest of all parties concerned that a satisfactory solution of the question of South West Africa should be reached as soon as possible,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Bearing in mind the various resolutions of the General Assembly concerning the Territory of South West Africa and the desire expressed by Member States that all possible efforts be made to bring this problem to a satisfactory conclusion in the spirit of harmony that prevails in the United Nations,

Expressing the hope that the Government of the Union of South Africa will offer to the United Nations its full co-operation,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Secretary-General to the discussions in the Fourth Committee and in the General Assembly in plenary meeting on the question of South West Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of solving satisfactorily the question of South West Africa and to take whatever steps he shall deem necessary with a view to finding such a solution in line with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at his earliest convenience.

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1060 (XI). Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of the Mandate for South West Africa, the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the General Assembly in regard to South West Africa,

Noting that its resolutions endorsing and accepting the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice and urging the Union of

South Africa to place the Territory of South West Africa under trusteeship have been of no avail,

1. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa to study the following question:

"What legal action is open to the organs of the United Nations, or to the Members of the United Nations, or to the former Members of the League of Nations, acting either individually or jointly, to ensure that the Union of South Africa fulfils the obligations assumed by it under the Mandate, pending the placing of the Territory of South West Africa under the International Trusteeship System?"

2. *Further requests* the Committee on South West Africa to submit to the General Assembly at its twelfth session a special report containing conclusions and recommendations on the question.

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1061 (XI). Composition of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, it established, until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa concerning the question of South West Africa, a Committee on South West Africa consisting of seven Members.

Considering that the continuing absence of such an agreement requires that the Committee on South West Africa should remain in existence for the purposes set forth in resolution 749 A (VIII),

Decides that:

(a) The composition of the Committee on South West Africa shall be increased to nine members appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee;

(b) One-third of the membership of the Committee shall be renewed by the same procedure annually.

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At its 661st plenary meeting on 26 February 1957, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee, appointed Ethiopia and Finland as additional members of the Committee on South West Africa. The Committee is therefore composed as follows: BRAZIL, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SYRIA, THAILAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

1062 (XI). Travel documents of petitioners from Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having received and granted several requests for hearings from petitioners in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration,¹⁹

Having also received a memorandum by the Secretary-General²⁰ on this question,

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Eleventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/C.4/330 and Add.1 to 26.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/333.