

2. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, international and national non-governmental scientific organizations and individual scientists to continue to extend to the Scientific Committee the co-operation which it requires;

3. *Recommends* the Governments of Member States, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, and international and national non-governmental scientific organizations to take appropriate action to carry out, with the means at their command, information programmes on the effects of atomic radiation;

4. *Urges* the World Meteorological Organization to proceed with the implementation of the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radioactivity, taking into account the recommendations made by the Scientific Committee at its twelfth session;

5. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its programme and its co-ordinating activities to increase the knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

6. *Notes* the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session a further report on the results of its work.

*1256th plenary meeting,
11 November 1963.*

1912 (XVIII). Report of the Commissioner-General 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) and 394 (V) of 2 and 14 December 1950, 512 (VI) and 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957, 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957, 1315 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, 1456 (XIV) of 9 December 1959, 1604 (XV) of 21 April 1961, 1725 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 and 1856 (XVII) of 20 December 1962,

Noting the annual report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, covering the period from 1 July 1962 to 30 June 1963,⁴

Noting with deep regret that the repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III) has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern,

1. *Expresses its sincere appreciation* to Dr. John H. Davis, on the occasion of his resignation as Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for his efficient administration of the Agency during the past five years and for his dedicated service to the welfare of the refugees;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refu-

gees in the Near East for their continued faithful efforts to provide essential services for the Palestine refugees, and to the specialized agencies and private organizations for their valuable work in assisting the refugees;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the staff and facilities that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine may require in carrying out its work;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine to continue its efforts for the implementation of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III);

5. *Again directs attention* to the precarious financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and urges non-contributing Governments to contribute, and contributing Governments to consider increasing their contributions, so that the Agency can carry out its essential programmes.

*1269th plenary meeting,
3 December 1963.*

1978 (XVIII). The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,²

Recalling its resolutions 1761 (XVII) of 6 November 1962 and 1881 (XVIII) of 11 October 1963,

Taking note of the Security Council resolutions of 7 August¹ and 4 December 1963,⁵

1. *Appeals* to all States to take appropriate measures and intensify their efforts, separately and collectively, with a view to dissuading the Government of the Republic of South Africa from pursuing its policies of apartheid, and requests them, in particular, to implement fully the Security Council resolution of 4 December 1963;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the reports of the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, and requests it to continue to follow constantly the various aspects of this question and to submit reports to the General Assembly and to the Security Council whenever necessary;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Special Committee with all the necessary means for the effective accomplishment of its task;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and all Member States to give to the Special Committee their assistance and co-operation in the fulfilment of its mandate.

*1283rd plenary meeting,
16 December 1963.*

B

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, in which the Committee drew attention to the serious hardship faced by the

⁵ Official Records of the Security Council, Eighteenth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1963, document S/5471.

⁴ Ibid., Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/5513).

families of persons persecuted by the Government of South Africa for their opposition to the policies of *apartheid*, and recommended that the international community, for humanitarian reasons, provide them with relief and other assistance.⁶

Considering that such assistance is consonant with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting that those families continue to suffer serious hardship,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek ways and means of providing relief and assistance, through the appropriate international agencies, to the families of all persons persecuted by the Government of the Republic of South Africa for their opposition to the policies of *apartheid*;

2. *Invites* Member States and organizations to contribute generously to such relief and assistance;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1283rd plenary meeting,
16 December 1963.*

1990 (XVIII). Question of the composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly: amendments to rules 31 and 38 of the Assembly's rules of procedure

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations,

Taking also into account that the General Committee of the General Assembly should be so constituted as to ensure its representative character on the basis of a balanced geographical distribution among its members,

Believing that for those reasons it is desirable to enlarge the composition of the General Committee,

Noting that the General Committee is composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees,

1. *Decides* to amend rules 31 and 38 of its rules of procedure as follows:

"Rule 31

"The General Assembly shall elect a President and seventeen Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees referred to in rule 101, on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee."

"Rule 38

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the seventeen Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Com-

mittee and may participate without vote in the discussions."

2. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly, the seventeen Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the seven Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected as provided in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to cancel all previous resolutions and stipulations in connexion with the composition of the General Committee and to modify all related provisions in its rules of procedure.

*1285th plenary meeting,
17 December 1963.*

ANNEX

1. In the election of the President of the General Assembly, regard shall be had for equitable geographical rotation of this office among the regions mentioned in paragraph 4 below.

2. The seventeen Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly shall be elected according to the following pattern, subject to paragraph 3 below:

(a) Seven representatives from African and Asian States;

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) Three representatives from Latin American States;

(d) Two representatives from Western European and other States;

(e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

3. The election of the President of the General Assembly will, however, have the effect of reducing by one the number of vice-presidencies allocated to the region from which the President is elected in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

4. The seven Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Three representatives from African and Asian States;

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) One representative from a Latin American State;

(d) One representative from a Western European or other State;

(e) The seventh chairmanship shall rotate every alternate year among representatives of States mentioned in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) above.

1991 (XVIII). Question of equitable representation on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council

A

The General Assembly,

Considering that the present composition of the Security Council is inequitable and unbalanced,

Recognizing that the increase in the membership of the United Nations makes it necessary to enlarge the membership of the Security Council, thus providing for a more adequate geographical representation of non-permanent members and making it a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter,⁷

1. *Decides* to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendments to the Charter and to submit them for

⁶ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, document A/5497, para. 513.

⁷ Ibid., agenda item 21, document A/5487, para. 9.