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1375 (XIV). Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1248 (XIII) of 30 October 1958 on the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa,

Deeply convinced that the practice of racial discrimination and segregation is opposed to the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Considering that government policies which accentuate or seek to preserve racial discrimination are prejudicial to international harmony,

Noting with concern that the policy of *apartheid* is still being pursued,

1. *Expresses its opposition* to the continuance or preservation of racial discrimination in any part of the world;

2. *Solemnly calls upon* all Member States to bring their policies into conformity with their obligation under the Charter of the United Nations to promote the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Expresses its deep regret and concern* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to appeals of the General Assembly that it reconsider governmental policies which impair the right of all racial groups to enjoy the same fundamental rights and freedoms;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States to use their best endeavours as appropriate to achieve the purposes of the present resolution.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1404 (XIV). Question of an increase in the membership of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly,

Realizing that many delegations have expressed the opinion that, in view of the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations in recent years, there should be an increase in the membership of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council which would make it possible to improve the present distribution of seats in those organs,

Recalling its resolution 1300 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, in which it recognized that, in view of the increase in the membership of the United Nations since its establishment, an increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council is desirable,

Noting that an increase in the membership of those organs would necessitate the amendment of certain provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Expressing the hope that the strong desire manifested by a large number of Member States will help to bring about such amendment at the earliest opportunity,

Considering that, in order to solve this problem, further efforts must be made with a view to obtaining the agreement of the greatest possible number of Member States,

1. *Decides* that items relating to an increase in the membership of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council shall be placed on the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session;

2. *Declares* that, if progress is not made during the fifteenth session of the General Assembly towards the achievement of an increase in the membership of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly should set up at that session a committee to study the possibilities of arriving at an agreement which will facilitate the amendment of the

Charter to achieve the increase in membership referred to above.

*843rd plenary meeting,
25 November 1959.*

1456 (XIV). 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) of 2 December 1950, 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 and 1315 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,¹ in particular the expiration of the Agency's mandate on 30 June 1960,

Noting the recommendation of the Secretary-General and the Director of the Agency for the continuation of the Agency,

Noting with deep regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), has not been effected, and 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,

Having reviewed the Agency's budget and noting with concern that contributions from Member States are not sufficient,

Recalling that the Agency, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, enjoys the benefits of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a period of three years with a review at the end of two years;

2. *Requests* the Governments concerned to co-operate with the Agency in efforts to rectify the situation described in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Director's report;

3. *Requests* the Director of the Agency to arrange with the host Governments the best means of giving effect to the proposals contained in paragraph 47 of his report;

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/4213).*

4. *Requests* the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine to make further efforts to secure the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III);

5. *Directs attention* to the precarious financial position of the Agency and urges Governments to consider to what extent they can contribute or increase their contributions so that the Agency can carry out its programmes;

6. *Directs* the Agency to continue its programme of relief for the refugees and, in so far as is financially possible, expand its programme of self-support and vocational training;

7. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out the mandate of the Agency, and to the specialized agencies and the many private organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees.

*851st plenary meeting,
9 December 1959.*

1460 (XIV). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1179 (XII) of 26 November 1957 and 1302 (XIII) of 10 December 1958,

1. *Notes* that the Governments of India and Pakistan have reiterated their readiness to enter into negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa in accordance with the expressed desires of the United Nations, and with the express declaration that such negotiations would not in any way prejudice their own position or the position taken by the Government of the Union of South Africa regarding their respective juridical stands in the dispute;

2. *Regrets deeply* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not replied to the communications from the Governments of India and Pakistan on this subject;

3. *Draws the attention* of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the repeated appeals of the General Assembly in this matter;

4. *Appeals* to the Government of the Union of South Africa to enter into negotiations with the Governments of India and Pakistan;

5. *Invites* Member States to use their good offices in such manner as may be appropriate to bring about the negotiations envisaged by the General Assembly in this matter;

6. *Invites* the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly, jointly or separately, regarding any progress which may be made.

*852nd plenary meeting,
10 December 1959.*