

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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1761 (XVII). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,

Further recalling its resolutions 44 (I) of 8 December 1946, 395 (V) of 2 December 1950, 615 (VII) of 5 December 1952, 1179 (XII) of 26 November 1957, 1302 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 1460 (XIV) of 10 December 1959, 1597 (XV) of 13 April 1961 and 1662 (XVI) of 28 November 1961, on the question of the treatment of peoples of Indian and Indo-Pakistan origin,

Noting the reports of the Governments of India¹ and Pakistan² on that subject,

Recalling that the Security Council in its resolution of 1 April 1960³ recognized that the situation in South Africa was one that had led to international friction and, if continued, might endanger international peace and security,

Recalling further that the Security Council in its aforesaid resolution called upon the Government of South Africa to initiate measures aimed at bringing about racial harmony based on equality in order to ensure that the present situation does not continue or recur, and to abandon its policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination,

Regretting that the actions of some Member States indirectly provide encouragement to the Government of

South Africa to perpetuate its policy of racial segregation, which has been rejected by the majority of that country's population,

1. *Deplores* the failure of the Government of the Republic of South Africa to comply with the repeated requests and demands of the General Assembly and of the Security Council and its flouting of world public opinion by refusing to abandon its racial policies;

2. *Strongly deprecates* the continued and total disregard by the Government of South Africa of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and, furthermore, its determined aggravation of racial issues by enforcing measures of increasing ruthlessness involving violence and bloodshed;

3. *Reaffirms* that the continuance of those policies seriously endangers international peace and security;

4. *Requests* Member States to take the following measures, separately or collectively, in conformity with the Charter, to bring about the abandonment of those policies:

(a) Breaking off diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of South Africa or refraining from establishing such relations;

(b) Closing their ports to all vessels flying the South African flag;

(c) Enacting legislation prohibiting their ships from entering South African ports;

(d) Boycotting all South African goods and refraining from exporting goods, including all arms and ammunition, to South Africa;

(e) Refusing landing and passage facilities to all aircraft belonging to the Government of South Africa and companies registered under the laws of South Africa;

5. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee consisting of representatives of Member States nominated by the President of the General Assembly, with the following terms of reference:

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 87, document A/5166.

² *Ibid.*, document A/5173.

³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifteenth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1960*, document S/4300.

(a) To keep the racial policies of the Government of South Africa under review when the Assembly is not in session;

(b) To report either to the Assembly or to the Security Council or to both, as may be appropriate, from time to time;

6. *Requests* all Member States:

(a) To do everything in their power to help the Special Committee to accomplish its task;

(b) To refrain from any act likely to delay or hinder the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Invites* Member States to inform the General Assembly at its eighteenth session regarding actions taken, separately or collectively, in dissuading the Government of South Africa from pursuing its policies of *apartheid*;

8. *Requests* the Security Council to take appropriate measures, including sanctions, to secure South Africa's compliance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council on this subject and, if necessary, to consider action under Article 6 of the Charter.

1165th plenary meeting,
6 November 1962.

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The President of the General Assembly in pursuance of paragraph 5 of the above resolution, appointed the following members of the Special Committee on the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa: ALGERIA, COSTA RICA, FEDERATION OF MALAYA, GHANA, GUINEA, HAITI, HUNGARY, NEPAL, NIGERIA, PHILIPPINES and SOMALIA.⁴

1764 (XVII). Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

The General Assembly,

I

Recalling its resolution 1347 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 and subsequent resolutions relating to the useful work of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation,

Noting with satisfaction the second comprehensive report of the Scientific Committee,⁵ which was adopted unanimously,

Conscious that advances in scientific knowledge have been made concerning the effects of radiation since the publication of the Scientific Committee's first comprehensive report,⁶

Noting with special concern the disquieting conclusions of the report, and in particular that much remains to be learnt about the long-term effects of radiation,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for its work and for the valuable report it has presented;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Atomic Energy Agency, to the specialized agencies, to the international non-governmental and the national scientific organizations and to the individual scientists who have assisted the Scientific Committee in its work;

3. *Calls particular attention* to the Scientific Committee's finding that the exposure of mankind to radia-

tion from increasing numbers of artificial sources, including the world-wide contamination of the environment with short- and long-lived radio-nuclides from weapon tests, calls for the closest attention, particularly because the effects of any increase in radiation exposure may not be fully manifested for several decades in the case of somatic disease, and for many generations in the case of genetic damage;

4. *Urges* all concerned to take note of the suggestions made and the views expressed in the report of the Scientific Committee;

5. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its assessment of radiation risks as well as its review of those studies and further investigations that should be undertaken in the interests of increasing man's knowledge of the effects of radiation, and to report to the General Assembly at the eighteenth session on its progress and on its future programme of work;

6. *Calls upon* the International Atomic Energy Agency, the specialized agencies, the international non-governmental and the national scientific organizations, individual scientists and the Governments of Member States to continue to co-operate fully with the Scientific Committee in carrying out its further important responsibilities;

7. *Recommends* the Governments of Member States to prepare and carry out according to their means large-scale information programmes on the effects of atomic radiation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work;

II

Recalling section II of its resolution 1629 (XVI) of 27 October 1961,

Having considered the report of the World Meteorological Organization⁷ on the proposal for a scheme of world-wide monitoring and reporting of levels of atmospheric radio-activity,

Noting that the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation will examine this scheme at its twelfth session to be held at Geneva in January 1963,

Encouraged to believe that a feasible scheme for this purpose can be implemented in the near future following final technical consultations between the World Meteorological Organization and the other organizations concerned,

1. *Commends* the World Meteorological Organization for its prompt and effective response to the invitation addressed to it in resolution 1629 (XVI), and the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for the valuable co-operation and assistance they have extended to the World Meteorological Organization in this matter;

2. *Invites* the World Meteorological Organization to complete its consultations with the Scientific Committee on the development of its draft plan, and to implement this plan, if found feasible, at the earliest possible date;

3. *Urges* the Governments of Member States and all others concerned to co-operate fully and to take all

⁴ See A/5400.

⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/5216).

⁶ Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/3838).

⁷ Ibid., Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, document A/5253.

appropriate action to enable the World Meteorological Organization to carry out its task;

4. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to report to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the scheme.

*1171st plenary meeting,
20 November 1962.*

1856 (XVII). 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 and 1725 (XVI) of 20 December 1961,

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 1961 to 30 June 1962,⁸

Noting with deep regret that 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 thanks* to the Commissioner-General and the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees 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;

2. *Expresses its thanks* to the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine for its efforts to find a way to achieve progress on the Palestine Arab refugee problem pursuant to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), and requests the Commission to continue its endeavours with the Member States directly concerned;

⁸ *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/5214).

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

4. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East until 30 June 1965;

5. *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.

*1200th plenary meeting,
20 December 1962.*

1857 (XVII). Question of Hungary

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Representative on Hungary, Sir Leslie Munro,⁹ who was appointed by the General Assembly in its resolution 1312 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 for the purpose of reporting to Member States or to the General Assembly on significant developments relating to the implementation of the Assembly resolutions on Hungary, and noting with concern the fact that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Hungary have not given to the United Nations Representative the co-operation necessary for the full discharge of his responsibilities,

Reaffirming the objectives of its resolutions 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956, 1005 (ES-II) of 9 November 1956, 1127 (XI) of 21 November 1956, 1131 (XI) of 12 December 1956, 1132 (XI) of 10 January 1957 and 1133 (XI) of 14 September 1957,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take any initiative that he deems helpful in relation to the Hungarian question;

2. *Considers* that in the circumstances the position of the United Nations Representative on Hungary need no longer be continued and expresses its appreciation to Sir Leslie Munro, the United Nations Representative on Hungary, for the efforts he has made in discharging his responsibilities relating to the implementation of the General Assembly resolutions on Hungary.

*1200th plenary meeting,
20 December 1962.*

⁹ *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 85, document A/5236.

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Note

Question of boundaries between Venezuela and the territory of British Guiana (item 88)

At its 1191st plenary meeting, on 11 December 1962, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political Committee.¹⁰

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 88 document A/5313.