

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL
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1881 (XVIII). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1761 (XVII) of 6 November 1962,

Recalling the Security Council resolution of 7 August 1963,¹ which called upon the Government of the Republic of South Africa to liberate all persons imprisoned, interned or subjected to other restrictions for having opposed the policy of *apartheid*,

Taking note of the reports of the Special Committee on the Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,² which stress the fact that the harsh repressive measures instituted by the Government of South Africa frustrate the possibilities for peaceful settlement, increase hostility among the racial groups and precipitate violent conflict,

Considering reports to the effect that the Government of South Africa is arranging the trial of a large number of political prisoners under arbitrary laws prescribing the death sentence,

Considering that such a trial will inevitably lead to a further deterioration of the already explosive situation in South Africa, thereby further disturbing international peace and security,

1. *Condemns* the Government of the Republic of South Africa for its failure to comply with the repeated resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council calling for an end to the repression of persons opposing *apartheid*;

2. *Requests* the Government of South Africa to abandon the arbitrary trial now in progress and forth-

¹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighteenth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1963, document S/5386.*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 30, documents A/5497 and Add.1.*

with to grant unconditional release to all political prisoners and to all persons imprisoned, interned or subjected to other restrictions for having opposed the policy of *apartheid*;

3. *Requests* all Member States to make all necessary efforts to induce the Government of South Africa to ensure that the provisions of paragraph 2 above are put into effect immediately;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly and the Security Council, as soon as possible during the eighteenth session, on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1238th plenary meeting,
11 October 1963.*

1896 (XVIII). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of its resolutions 1629 (XVI) of 27 October 1961 and 1764 (XVII) of 20 November 1962,

Recalling the important part which the study of the effects of atomic radiation has played in alerting world opinion to their dangers,

Emphasizing the importance, from the point of view of harmful atomic radiation, of the cessation of nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water,

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved towards implementing the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity,

Convinced that international co-operation in this field continues to be necessary to gain knowledge of the levels of radio-activity from all sources,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on the work of its twelfth session;³

³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 31, document A/5406.

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

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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.*

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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).