

2. *Suggests* to the Governments of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa that they should seek a solution of the question by direct negotiations;

3. *Suggests, moreover*, that the parties concerned should designate a Government, agency or person to facilitate contacts between them and assist them in settling the dispute;

4. *Decides* that, if within the next six months following the date of the present resolution the parties have not reached agreement on the suggestions made in the foregoing paragraphs, the Secretary-General shall designate a person for the purposes specified above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the results obtained.

497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.

817 (IX). Admission of new Members to the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting the growing general feeling in favour of the universality of the United Nations, membership in which is open to all peace-loving States which accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out those obligations,

Having considered the report⁴ of the Committee of Good Offices established by General Assembly resolution 718 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

Noting that, notwithstanding the best endeavours of the Committee of Good Offices, the problem remains unresolved,

Further noting the views recorded by the Committee of Good Offices that possibilities of reaching an understanding remain and that "different views may eventually be harmonized within the spirit of the Charter",

1. *Expresses appreciation* of the work and efforts of the Committee of Good Offices;

2. *Decides* to send back to the Security Council the pending applications for membership, together with a full record of the discussions at the present session of the General Assembly, for further consideration and positive recommendations;

3. *Suggests* that the Security Council consider the desirability of invoking the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 28 of the Charter to help resolve the problem;

4. *Requests* the Committee of Good Offices to continue its efforts;

5. *Requests* the Security Council and the Committee of Good Offices to report to the General Assembly during the present session if possible and in any event during the tenth session.

501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.

⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 21, document A/2720.

818 (IX). Report of the Director 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) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952 and 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953,

Noting the annual report⁵ of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and the special report⁶ of the Director and the Advisory Commission of UNRWA,

Noting that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), has not been effected and that the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of grave concern,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to the rights of the refugees to repatriation or compensation, to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for five years ending 30 June 1960;

2. *Requests* the Agency to continue its consultation with the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine in the best interest of their respective tasks, with particular reference to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III);

3. *Requests* the Governments of the area to continue to co-operate with the Director of the Agency in seeking and carrying out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

4. *Decides* to maintain the rehabilitation fund of \$200 million, subject to reductions for expenditures already made;

5. *Approves* a relief budget of \$25,100,000 and a rehabilitation budget of \$36,200,000 for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1955;

6. *Requests* the Director, in consultation with the Advisory Commission of UNRWA, to study and report upon the problem of assistance which should be given to other claimants for relief, particularly children and needy inhabitants of villages along the demarcation lines;

7. *Authorizes* the Director to prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Commission, the budgets for relief and rehabilitation in advance of each fiscal year, which budgets he shall transmit to the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, without prejudice to review each year by the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, after receipt of such budgets from the Director of UNRWA, to seek such funds as may be required by the Agency;

9. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member and non-member States to make voluntary contributions to the extent necessary to carry through to fulfilment the Agency's programmes, and thanks the numerous religious, charitable and humanitarian organizations for

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 18, document A/2717/Add.1.

their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

10. *Requests* the Director to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 21 of resolution 302 (IV), as well as the annual budgets.

*503rd plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

819 (IX). Strengthening of peace through the removal of barriers to free exchange of information and ideas

The General Assembly,

Considering that the cessation of hostilities in Korea and the restoration of peace in Indo-China have contributed to a relaxation of tension in international relations and that more favourable conditions have consequently been created for the settlement of unsolved international problems and the strengthening of peace,

Recalling its resolutions 110 (II) of 3 November 1947 and 381 (V) of 17 November 1950 concerning the condemnation of propaganda against peace, and resolution 290 (IV) of 1 December 1949 on the essentials of peace which calls upon Member States to act in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, calls upon every nation to remove the barriers which deny to peoples the free exchange of information and ideas essential to international understanding and peace,

Recognizing that the maintenance of such barriers constitutes a major obstacle to the strengthening of peace and genuine international co-operation and fosters the continuation of false and hostile propaganda against other States and peoples,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments to give effect faithfully to resolution 290 (IV) of 1 December 1949 on essentials of peace as a guide to the achievement of a genuine peace with freedom and justice;

2. *Reaffirms* resolutions 381 (V) of 17 November 1950 and 110 (II) of 3 November 1947 condemning all forms of propaganda, in whatsoever country conducted, which is either designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression.

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

820 (IX). The 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,

Having considered the second report⁷ of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 103 (I), which states that it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an end to racial persecution and discrimination, and resolutions 395 (V) and 511 (VI),

Further recalling that the Commission, in its first report,⁸ had concluded that the racial policies of the

Government of the Union of South Africa are contrary to the United Nations Charter and to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting with apprehension the adoption of new laws and regulations by the Union Government which in the Commission's view are also incompatible with the obligations of that Government under the Charter,

Noting further the profound conviction of the Commission that the policy of *apartheid* constitutes a grave threat to the peaceful relations between ethnic groups in the world,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa for its constructive work;

2. *Notes with regret* that the Government of the Union of South Africa again refused to co-operate with the Commission;

3. *Notes* the Commission's suggestions for facilitating a peaceful settlement of the problem contained in paragraphs 368 to 384 of its report;⁹

4. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to reconsider its position in the light of the high principles expressed in the United Nations Charter, taking into account the pledge of all Member States to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race; and further taking into account the valuable experience of other multi-racial societies as set forth in chapter VII of the Commission's report;

5. *Further invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to take into consideration the suggestions of the Commission for a peaceful settlement of the racial problem, namely, those detailed in paragraphs 370 to 383 of its report;

6. *Requests* the Commission to keep under review the problem of race conflict in the Union of South Africa;

7. *Requests* the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

8. *Decides* that, should any of the members of the Commission be unable to continue their membership, the member or members concerned shall, if the General Assembly is not sitting, be replaced by a person or persons appointed by the present President of the General Assembly in consultation with the Secretary-General.

*511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

821 (IX). Complaint of violation of the freedom of navigation in the area of the China seas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 899 (IX) of 14 December 1954 which, *inter alia*, requested the International Law Commission to complete its final report concerning the régime of the high seas, the régime of territorial waters and related problems in time for the General Assembly to consider these matters at its eleventh session,

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 16.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 16.