

# RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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**844 (IX). Procedure for the examination of reports and petitions relating to the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* a report<sup>1</sup> of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the procedure for the examination by the Assembly of reports and petitions relating to the Territory of South West Africa,

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14* and documents A/2666/Corr.1 and A/2666/Add.1.

*Having in mind* the advisory opinion<sup>2</sup> of the International Court of Justice on South West Africa,

*Desiring to apply*, as far as possible, and pending the conclusion of an agreement between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, the procedure followed in that respect by the Council of the League of Nations,

*Adopts* the following special rules:

PROCEDURE WITH REGARD TO REPORTS

*Special rule A:* The General Assembly shall receive annually from the Committee on South West Africa

<sup>2</sup> See *International Status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion*: I.C.J. Reports 1950.

the report on South West Africa submitted to the Committee by the Union of South Africa (or a report on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa prepared by the Committee in accordance with paragraph 12 (c) of General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII)) together with the observations of the Committee on the report as well as the comments of the duly authorized representative of the Union of South Africa, should that Government decide to follow the General Assembly's recommendation and appoint such a representative.

*Special rule B:* The General Assembly shall, as a rule, be guided by the observations of the Committee on South West Africa and shall base its conclusions, as far as possible, on the Committee's observations.

#### PROCEDURE WITH REGARD TO PETITIONS

*Special rule C:* The General Assembly shall receive annually from the Committee on South West Africa a report with regard to petitions submitted to it. The summary records of the meetings at which the petitions were discussed shall be attached.

*Special rule D:* The General Assembly shall, as a rule, be guided by the conclusions of the Committee on South West Africa and shall base its own conclusions, as far as possible, on the conclusions of the Committee.

#### PRIVATE MEETINGS

*Special rule E:* Having regard to rule 62 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, meetings at which decisions concerning persons are considered shall be held in private.

#### VOTING PROCEDURE

*Special rule F:* Decisions of the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa shall be regarded as important questions within the meaning of Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

*494th plenary meeting,  
11 October 1954.*

### 845 (IX). Educational advancement in Non-Self-Governing Territories

*The General Assembly,*

Noting resolution 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, by which the Administering Members were recommended to make the greatest possible use of offers that might be made to them by other Member States through the Secretary-General or through the specialized agencies concerned or in other appropriate ways, for the purpose of facilitating the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories by such means as making available fellowships, scholarships and internships to qualified students from these Territories,

Noting the view<sup>3</sup> expressed by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1953 that the attainment of self-government by Non-

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15*, part two, para. 10.

Self-Governing Territories is, *inter alia*, hindered by inadequacies in the education of their peoples,

Considering that facilities for study and training at all levels of education, despite all the efforts made by the Administering Members in the direction of their improvement, are not yet adequate in most of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Invites* Member States to extend generously their offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard but, in the first place, for study at the post-primary level as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value;

2. *Invites* Member States offering facilities, in cases where the languages of instruction differ from the languages of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to consider the possibility of extending the duration of the facilities offered by a preliminary period of language training and other adjustment to the country of study or training;

3. *Invites* Member States to transmit the details of such offers to the Administering Members, to the Secretary-General and to the appropriate specialized agencies;

4. *Recommends* that the Administering Members make the greatest possible use of facilities at all levels of education and training, including the field of fundamental education, that may be offered by States Members of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administering Members and the specialized agencies concerned, to establish a simple procedure which would enable offers and applications made through the United Nations or the specialized agencies to be brought to the attention of the Administering Members, and thereafter, in the case of applications, to the attention of the offering States concerned together with any observations the Administering Members may have submitted;

6. *Invites* the Administering Members to give appropriate publicity in Territories under their administration to offers of study and training facilities and to take such other measures as will ensure that the greatest possible advantage is taken of the offers;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the United Nations information material details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications, and further requests him to transmit such details to the specialized agencies with a view to securing similar publicity in their appropriate publications;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Administering Members, to prepare a report for the information of the General Assembly giving details of the offers made and the extent to which they have been taken up.

*498th plenary meeting,  
22 November 1954.*

### 846 (IX). Work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the report<sup>4</sup> of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the work of its 1954 session;

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18.