

# RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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### **916 (X). 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, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954,

*Noting* the annual report<sup>1</sup> and the special report<sup>2</sup> of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the special report<sup>3</sup> of the Advisory Commission of the Agency,

*Having reviewed* the budgets for relief and rehabilitation prepared by the Director of the Agency,

*Noting* 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 for reintegration of refugees endorsed in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) and that the situation of the refugees therefore continues to be a matter of grave concern,

1. *Directs* the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to pursue its programmes for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees, bearing in mind the limitations imposed upon it by the extent of the contributions for the fiscal year;

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 Government of the area, without

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/2978).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., Supplement No. 15 A (A/2978/Add.1).*

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/3017.*

prejudice to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), to make a determined effort, in co-operation with the Director of the Agency, to seek and carry out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

4. *Notes with gratification* that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan and the Agency have made substantial progress toward resolving the difficulties which impede the granting of rations to all qualified refugee children in Jordan;

5. *Notes* the serious need of the other claimants for relief as described in the special report<sup>2</sup> prepared by the Director pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 818 (IX), namely, the frontier villagers in Jordan, the non-refugee population of the Gaza strip, a number of the refugees in Egypt, and certain of the Bedouin;

6. *Appeals* to private organizations to give them increased assistance to the extent that local Governments cannot do so;

7. *Urges* all Governments and individuals to support these private organizations with food, goods and services;

8. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, after the receipt of the budgets from the Director of the Agency, 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 their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

10. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out their mandate, and requests the Governments of the area to continue to facilitate the work of the Agency and to ensure the protection of its personnel and property;

11. *Requests* the Director of the Agency to continue

to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 21 of resolution 302 (IV) as well as the annual budgets.

*550th plenary meeting,  
3 December 1955.*

**917 (X). 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,*

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

*Recalling* section E of resolution 377 A (V) of 3 November 1950, in which it expressed its conviction that a genuine and lasting peace depends also upon the observance of all the principles and purposes established in the Charter of the United Nations, upon the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and other principal organs of the United Nations intended to achieve the maintenance of international peace and security and especially upon respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

*Reiterating* its resolutions 103 (I) of 19 November 1946 and 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952 in which the General Assembly has declared, *inter alia*, that it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an immediate end to religious and so-called racial persecution and discrimination, and that governmental policies which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination are inconsistent with the pledges of the Members under Article 56 of the Charter,

*Noting* that the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa has now submitted its third report,<sup>4</sup>

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. *Recommends* the Government of the Union of South Africa to take note of the Commission's report;

4. *Expresses its concern* at the fact that the Government of the Union of South Africa continues to give effect to the policies of *apartheid*, notwithstanding the request made to it by the General Assembly to reconsider its position in the light of the high principles contained in the Charter and taking into account the pledge of all Member States to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race;

5. *Reminds* the Government of the Union of South Africa of the faith it had reaffirmed, in signing the Charter, in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person;

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2953).

6. *Calls on* the Government of the Union of South Africa to observe the obligations contained in Article 56 of the Charter.

*551st plenary meeting,  
6 December 1955.*

**918 (X). Admission of new Members to the United Nations<sup>5</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the general sentiment which has been expressed on numerous occasions in favour of the widest possible membership of the United Nations,

*Having received* the preliminary report<sup>6</sup> of the Committee of Good Offices established by General Assembly resolution 718 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

*Taking into account* the statements about the admission of new Members made by permanent members of the Security Council in the general debate at the present session of the General Assembly,

*Believing* that a broader representation in the membership of the United Nations will enable the Organization to play a more effective role in the current international situation,

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

2. *Requests* the Security Council to consider, in the light of the general opinion in favour of the widest possible membership of the United Nations, the pending applications for membership of all those eighteen countries about which no problem of unification arises;

3. *Requests further* that the Security Council make its report on these applications to the General Assembly during the present session.

*552nd plenary meeting,  
8 December 1955.*

**919 (X). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report<sup>7</sup> of the Secretary-General relating to the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 816 (IX) of 4 November 1954,

1. *Notes* that the negotiations envisaged in resolution 816 (IX) have not been pursued;

2. *Urges* the parties concerned to pursue negotiations with a view to bringing about a settlement of the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa;

3. *Invites* the parties to report as appropriate, jointly or separately, to the General Assembly at its next session.

*554th plenary meeting,  
14 December 1955.*

<sup>5</sup> See also resolution 995 (X).

<sup>6</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 21, document A/2973.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 20, document A/3001.