

Resolution 246 (1968)
of 14 March 1968

1. *Condemns* the refusal of the Government of South Africa to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII) ;

2. *Calls upon* the Government of South Africa to discontinue forthwith this illegal trial and to release and repatriate the South West Africans concerned ;

3. *Invites* all States to exert their influence in order to induce the Government of South Africa to comply with the provisions of the present resolution ;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow closely the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Security Council at the earliest possible date ;

5. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

*Adopted unanimously at the
1387th meeting.*

Decisions

At its 1391st meeting, on 16 February 1968, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Guyana, Turkey, Chile, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Nigeria, the United Arab Republic and Zambia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled :

“The question of South West Africa :

“Letter dated 12 February 1968 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the representatives of Chile, Colombia, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey, the United Arab Republic, Yugoslavia and Zambia (S/8397) ;”³

“Letter dated 12 February 1968 addressed to the President of the Security Council by the representatives of Afghanistan, Algeria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta and Yemen (S/8398 and Add.1/Rev.1 and Add.2).”³

At its 1392nd meeting, on 19 February 1968, the Council decided to invite the representative of Colombia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 245 (1968) of 25 January 1968, by which it unanimously condemned the refusal of the Government of South Africa to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII) of 16 December 1967 and further called upon the Government of South Africa to discontinue forthwith the illegal trial and to release and repatriate the South West Africans concerned,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 by which the General Assembly of the United Nations terminated the Mandate of South Africa over South West Africa and assumed direct responsibility for the Territory until its independence,

Reaffirming the inalienable right of the people and Territory of South West Africa to freedom and independence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Mindful that Member States shall fulfil all their obligations as set forth in the Charter,

Distressed by the fact that the Government of South Africa has failed to comply with Security Council resolution 245 (1968),

Taking into account the memorandum of the United Nations Council for South West Africa of 25 January 1968⁴ on the illegal detention and trial of the South West Africans concerned and the letter of 10 February 1968 from the President of the United Nations Council for South West Africa,⁵

Reaffirming that the continued detention and trial and subsequent sentencing of the South West Africans constitute an illegal act and a flagrant violation of the rights of the South West Africans concerned, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international status of the Territory now under direct United Nations responsibility,

Cognizant of its special responsibility towards the people and Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Censures* the Government of South Africa for its flagrant defiance of Security Council resolution 245 (1968) as well as of the authority of the United Nations of which South Africa is a Member ;

2. *Demands* that the Government of South Africa release and repatriate forthwith the South West Africans concerned ;

3. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations to co-operate with the Security Council, in pursuance of their obligations under the Charter, in order to obtain compliance by the Government of South Africa with the provisions of the present resolution ;

4. *Urges* Member States who are in a position to contribute to the implementation of the present resolution to assist the Security Council in order to obtain compliance by the Government of South Africa with the provisions of the present resolution ;

5. *Decides* that in the event of failure on the part

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, document S/8353/Add.1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, document S/8394.

of the Government of South Africa to comply with the provisions of the present resolution, the Security Council will meet immediately to determine effective steps or measures in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow closely the implementation of the present resolution and to

report thereon to the Security Council not later than 31 March 1968;

7. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Adopted unanimously at the 1387th meeting.

COMPLAINT BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE U.S.S. PUEBLO

Decision

At its 1389th meeting, on 27 January 1968, the Council decided to postpone until 29 January 1968 the consideration of the item entitled "Letter dated 25 January 1968 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/8360)"⁶ in order to allow consultations among the members of the Council.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement for January, February and March 1968.

THE CYPRUS QUESTION⁷

Decision

At its 1398th meeting, on 18 March 1968, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Cyprus, Turkey and Greece to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled "Letter dated 26 December 1963 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5488):⁸ report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus (S/8446)".⁹

⁷ Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted in 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967.

⁸ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighteenth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1963*.

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1968*.

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The Security Council,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General of 9 March 1968 (S/8446)¹⁰ that in the present circumstances the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus is still needed if peace is to be maintained in the island,

Noting that the Government of Cyprus has agreed that in view of the prevailing conditions in the island it is necessary to continue the Force beyond 26 March 1968,

¹⁰ *Ibid.*