

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

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16.

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

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,

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

1. *Decides* to transmit to the International Law Commission the records¹⁰ and documents,¹¹ including the draft resolution of Syria contained in document A/AC.76/L.25, of the meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee at which item 71 of the agenda of

the ninth session of the General Assembly was considered;

2. *Invites* the Governments of Member States to transmit to the International Law Commission their views concerning the principle of freedom of navigation on the high seas.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Ad Hoc Political Committee*, 51st to 55th meetings, inclusive.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 71.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*