

Further noting that resolutions 395 (V) of 2 December 1950, 511 (VI) of 12 January 1952 and 616 A (VII) of 5 December 1952 have successively affirmed that a policy of "racial segregation" (*apartheid*) is necessarily based on doctrines of racial discrimination,

1. *Deplores* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to the call and invitation conveyed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 1016 (XI) of 30 January 1957;

2. *Again draws the attention* of the Government of the Union of South Africa to that resolution and, in particular, to paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof;

3. *Appeals* to the Government of the Union of South Africa, in the interests of the common observance by Member States of the high purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, to which the Government of the Union of South Africa has also subscribed and is as much committed as any other Member, to revise its policy in the light of those purposes and principles and of world opinion and to inform the Secretary-General of its response.

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26 November 1957.*

1179 (XII). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1015 (XI) of 30 January 1957,

Having considered the reports of the Governments of India² and of Pakistan,³

1. *Notes* that the Governments of both India and Pakistan have reiterated their readiness to pursue negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa in accordance with the expressed desires of the United Nations;

2. *Notes with regret* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not agreed to carry forward the purposes of General Assembly resolution 1015 (XI) of 30 January 1957;

3. *Appeals* to the Government of the Union of South Africa to participate in negotiations with the Governments of India and of Pakistan with a view to solving this problem in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

4. *Invites* the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly as appropriate, jointly or separately, regarding the progress of the negotiations.

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1190 (XII). Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council

Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 61, document A/3643.*

³ *Ibid.*, document A/3645.

laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council

Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to give further consideration at its thirteenth session to items 19, 20 and 21 of the agenda of the twelfth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include these items in the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.

*728th plenary meeting,
12 December 1957.*

1191 (XII). 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, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955 and 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957,

Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East⁴ and the report of the Advisory Commission of the Agency,⁵

Having reviewed the budget for relief and rehabilitation prepared by the Director of the Agency, and having noted the comment of the Advisory Commission to the effect that the budget is minimal,

Noting with grave concern that contributions to the budget are not yet sufficient, that the financial situation of the Agency is serious, and that cuts have already had to be made in the rehabilitation programme,

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

Noting that the host Governments have expressed the wish that the Agency continue to carry out its mandate in their respective countries or territories and have expressed their wish to co-operate fully with the Agency and to extend to it every appropriate assistance in carrying out its functions, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 104 and 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the terms of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 14* (A/3686 and Corr.1).

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 26, document A/3735.*

Nations, the contents of paragraph 17 of resolution 302 (IV) and the terms of the agreements with the host Governments,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the critical financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and urges them to consider to what extent they can contribute or increase their contributions in order that the Agency may carry out its budgeted relief and rehabilitation programmes and that cuts in services may be avoided;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the critical financial position of the Agency, to make, as a matter of urgent concern, special efforts to secure the additional financial assistance needed to meet the Agency's budget and to provide adequate working capital;

3. *Directs* the Agency to pursue its programme for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees, bearing in mind the response to paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the host Governments to co-operate fully with the Agency and with its personnel and to extend to the Agency every appropriate assistance in carrying out its functions;

5. *Requests* the Governments of the area, without prejudice to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, in co-operation with the Director of the Agency, to plan and carry out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

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

7. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out the mandate of the Agency and to the specialized agencies and the many private organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

8. *Requests* the Director of the Agency to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957.

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1192 (XII). Composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations,

Taking also into account that the General Committee should be so constituted as to ensure its representative character on the basis of a balanced geographical distribution among its members,

Believing that for these reasons it is desirable to enlarge the composition of the General Committee,

Noting that the General Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees,

1. *Confirms* the practice established with regard to the distribution of the chairmanships of the Main Committees, namely, two from Latin American States, two from Asian and African States, two from Western European and other States, and one from an Eastern European State;

2. *Decides* to amend as follows rules 31 and 38 of its rules of procedure:

"Rule 31

"The General Assembly shall elect a President and thirteen Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees referred to in rule 101, on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee."

"Rule 38

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the thirteen Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee and may participate without vote in the discussions";

3. *Decides* that the thirteen Vice-Presidents shall be elected as provided in the annex to the present resolution.

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ANNEX

1. The thirteen Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Four representatives from Asian and African States;

(b) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(c) Two representatives from Latin American States;

(d) Two representatives from Western European and other States;

(e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

2. The region from which the President is elected will, however, reduce by one the number of vice-presidencies allocated in paragraph 1 of the present annex.

3. At least one of the Vice-Presidents in categories (a) or (d) above, or the President or one of the Chairmen of the Main Committees, will be from a Commonwealth country, without altering the geographical distribution of seats in the General Committee, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this annex and in paragraph 1 of the resolution.