

Recalling in particular paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 917 (X) of 6 December 1955 calling upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to observe its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that resolution 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952 declared, *inter alia*, that governmental policies which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination are inconsistent with the Charter,

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,

Convinced that, in a multi-racial society, harmony and respect for human rights and freedoms and the peaceful development of a unified community are best assured when patterns of legislation and practices are directed towards ensuring a legal order that will ensure equality before the law and the elimination of discrimination between all persons regardless of race, creed or colour,

Convinced also that a conciliatory approach in accordance with the principles of the Charter is necessary for progress towards a solution of this problem,

1. *Deplors* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet observed its obligations under the Charter and has pressed forward with discriminatory measures which would make the future observance of those obligations more difficult;

2. *Affirms its conviction* that perseverance in such discriminatory policies is inconsistent not only with the Charter but with the forces of progress and international co-operation in implementing the ideals of equality, freedom and justice;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of the Union of South Africa to reconsider its position and revise its policies in the light of its obligations and responsibilities under the Charter and in the light of the principles subscribed to and the progress achieved in other contemporary multi-racial societies;

4. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to co-operate in a constructive approach to this question, more particularly by its presence in the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as appropriate, to communicate with the Government of the Union of South Africa to carry forward the purposes of the present resolution.

*648th plenary meeting,
30 January 1957.*

1017 (XI). Admission of new Members to the United Nations⁵

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 296 G (IV) of 22 November 1949 finding the Republic of Korea qualified for membership in the United Nations,

Noting that the Republic of Korea has been excluded from membership in the United Nations because of the

⁵ See also resolutions 1110 (XI), 1111 (XI), 1112 (XI), 1113 (XI) and 1118 (XI).

opposition of one of the permanent members of the Security Council,

1. *Reaffirms its determination* that the Republic of Korea is fully qualified for admission to membership in the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Security Council to reconsider the application of the Republic of Korea in the light of this determination and to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible.

*663rd plenary meeting,
28 February 1957.*

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 620 C (VII) of 21 December 1952 finding Viet-Nam qualified for membership in the United Nations,

Noting that Viet-Nam has been excluded from membership in the United Nations because of the opposition of one of the permanent members of the Security Council,

1. *Reaffirms its determination* that Viet-Nam is fully qualified for admission to membership in the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Security Council to reconsider the application of Viet-Nam in the light of this determination and to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible.

*663rd plenary meeting,
28 February 1957.*

1018 (XI). 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 and 916 (X) of 3 December 1955,

Noting the annual report⁶ and the special report⁷ of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the report of the Advisory Commission of the Agency,⁸

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

Noting with concern that contributions to that budget are not yet sufficient,

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

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 14, (A/3212).*

⁷ *Ibid., Supplement No. 14 A (A/3212/Add.1).*

⁸ *Ibid., Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 23, document A/3498.*