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1248 (XIII). 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 consideration of the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa,

Recalling in particular paragraph 6 of its 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,

1. Declares again that, in a multiracial 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 practice are directed towards ensuring equality before the law of all persons regardless of race, creed or colour, and when the economic, social, cultural and political participation of all racial groups is on a basis of equality;

2. Affirms that governmental policies of Member States which are not directed towards these goals, but

which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination, are inconsistent with the pledges of the Members under Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Solemnly calls upon all Member States to bring their policies into conformity with their obligation under the Charter to promote the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. Expresses its regret and concern that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to appeals of the General Assembly that it reconsider governmental policies which impair the right of all racial groups to enjoy the same rights and fundamental freedoms.

*778th plenary meeting,
30 October 1958.*

1263 (XIII). Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force,¹

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session. Annexes, agenda item 65, document A/3899.

Noting with satisfaction the effective way in which the Force continues to carry out its function,

Requests the Fifth Committee to recommend such action as may be necessary to finance the continuing operation of the United Nations Emergency Force.²

*780th plenary meeting,
14 November 1958.*

1299 (XIII). 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 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,

Realising that the membership of the United Nations has increased considerably in recent years,

Taking note of the feeling expressed by many Members that there should be an increase in the membership of some of the organs of the United Nations,

Noting that such increases would necessitate amendments to the Charter of the United Nations,

Realising that such amendments to the Charter require a larger area of agreement than prevails at present,

1. *Decides* to postpone until its fourteenth session the consideration of items 21, 22 and 23 of the agenda of the thirteenth session;

2. *Decides* that these items should be placed on the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session.

*783rd plenary meeting,
10 December 1958.*

1300 (XIII). Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, section VI): question of increasing the membership of the Council

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 690 B (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,

1. *Recognizes* that, in view of the increase in the membership of the United Nations since its establishment, an increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council is desirable in order to achieve a wider representation and thus to make the Council a more effective organ for carrying out the obligations

² See resolution 1337 (XIII).

placed upon it under Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations, and that such an increase should be so designed as to preserve the expeditious conduct of the work of the Council;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session the item entitled "Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council".

*783rd plenary meeting,
10 December 1958.*

1301 (XIII). Measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957,

Considering the paramount importance of ensuring international peace and security,

Realizing the urgent need of finding solutions to contemporary problems which stand in the way of the promotion of friendly and neighbourly relations among States,

Welcoming the trends towards greater interchange among Member States in various fields,

Recognizing that the United Nations plays an increasingly important part in international co-operation, negotiation and conciliation,

Recognizing furthermore that in the observance of the purposes and principles of the United Nations lies the best basis of ensuring the conditions essential for the nations and peoples of the world to live and to assist each other in mutual tolerance and understanding for the benefit of all,

1. *Reaffirms* the purposes and principles of the United Nations;

2. *Calls upon* Member States to live together within the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Urges* all Member States, while making full use of Article 33 of the Charter, to resort to the Organization for the peaceful solution of problems which interfere with friendly and neighbourly relations among States or threaten international peace;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to take effective steps towards the implementation of principles of peaceful and neighbourly relations;

5. *Recommends* that all Member States should take practical measures or make arrangements in conjunction with and not inconsistent with the programmes of the United Nations and its specialized agencies to foster open, free and friendly co-operation and understanding in the fields of economy, culture, science, technology and communications;

6. *Welcomes with satisfaction* agreements between Member States which are working or will work towards the attainment of the aims envisaged in the present resolution.

*783rd plenary meeting,
10 December 1958.*