

with the terms of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 1332 (XIII) of 12 December 1958.

*948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.*

**1563 (XV). Petitions relating to the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having accepted* the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>13</sup>

*Having authorized* the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

*Having received* a report from the Committee dealing with petitions relating, *inter alia*, to the status of South West Africa and conditions in the Territory, the situation in the Windhoek Native Location, the removal of the Native Location in Walvis Bay, conditions in the Ovamboland Native Reserve, conditions in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, general conditions in the Rehoboth Community, the imprisonment of Mr. Toivo Ja-Toivo, the question of the return of Hereros in Bechuanaland to South West Africa and a request for a scholarship from a student in South West Africa,<sup>14</sup>

*Noting* that these petitions raise questions relating to various aspects of the administration of South West Africa and of conditions in the Territory, upon which the Committee has presented a report,

*Draws the attention* of the petitioners concerned to the report and observations of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory submitted to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session,<sup>15</sup> and to the action taken by the Assembly on this report.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1564 (XV). Political freedom in South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted*, on the basis of the report of the Committee on South West Africa,<sup>16</sup> that leaders of the South West Africa Peoples Organisation and other Africans in the Territory of South West Africa are being subjected to arbitrary imprisonment and deportation,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* regarding this disturbing development;

2. *Urges* the Government of the Union of South Africa to instruct the competent authorities in the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to cease the arbitrary imprisoning and deporting of Africans, including the leaders and members of the South West Africa Peoples Organisation, and to ensure the free exercise of political rights and freedom of expression for all sectors of the population.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

<sup>13</sup> *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports, 1950, p. 128.*

<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464), part I, section IV.*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, part II.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464).

**1565 (XV). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect of the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1361 (XIV) of 17 November 1959, in which it drew the attention of Member States to the conclusions of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa<sup>17</sup> concerning the legal action open to Member States to submit to the International Court of Justice any dispute with the Union of South Africa relating to the interpretation or application of the provisions of the Mandate for the Territory of South West Africa, if such dispute cannot be settled by negotiation,

*Noting with grave concern* that the administration of the Territory, in recent years, has been conducted in a manner contrary to the Mandate, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, by which the Assembly accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>13</sup>

*Noting* that all negotiations and efforts on the part of the General Assembly, of its several committees and organs constituted and authorized for this purpose, and of Member States acting through such committees and organs, have failed to bring about compliance on the part of the Government of the Union of South Africa with its obligations under the Mandate, as is evidenced, *inter alia*, by the following reports of the said committees and organs to the Assembly:

(a) Reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly at its sixth, seventh and eighth sessions,<sup>18</sup>

(b) Reports of the Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly at its ninth to fifteenth sessions,<sup>19</sup>

(c) Reports of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions,<sup>20</sup>

*Noting* the aforesaid reports, and in particular the reports of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the failure of negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Committee's conclusions that the Union has at all times declined to co-operate in any way with the Committee in the discharge of its functions,

1. *Notes with approval* the observations of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the administration of the Territory as set out in the Committee's

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/3625).

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, documents A/1901 and Add.1-3; *ibid.*, Eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, documents A/2261 and Add.1 and A/2475 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2666 and Corr.1); *ibid.*, Ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/2666/Add.1; *ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913); *ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, documents A/2913/Add.1 and 2; *ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3151); *ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626); *ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1); *ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191); *ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464).

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/3900; *ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/4224.

report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, and finds that the Government of the Union of South Africa has failed and refused to carry out its obligations under the Mandate for the Territory of South West Africa;

2. *Concludes* that the dispute which has arisen between Ethiopia, Liberia and other Member States on the one hand, and the Union of South Africa on the other, relating to the interpretation and application of the Mandate has not been and cannot be settled by negotiation;

3. *Notes* that Ethiopia and Liberia, on 4 November 1960, filed concurrent applications in the International Court of Justice instituting contentious proceedings against the Union of South Africa;

4. *Commends* the Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia upon their initiative in submitting such dispute to the International Court of Justice for adjudication and declaration in a contentious proceeding in accordance with article 7 of the Mandate.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

#### 1566 (XV). Assistance of the specialized agencies and of the United Nations Children's Fund in the economic, social and educational development of South West Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the purposes of Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* the international status of the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, the General Assembly's own obligations and the concern of the community of nations to promote the well-being and interest of the inhabitants of that Territory,

*Having perused* the observations and recommendations contained in part II, sections IV, V and VI, of the report of the Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly,<sup>21</sup>

1. *Considers* that the economic, social, educational and health conditions prevailing in the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, especially as they concern the indigenous inhabitants, are unsatisfactory, and that the need for urgent co-operative action for the improvement of present conditions in these fields is imperative;

2. *Endorses* the considered view of the Committee on South West Africa that assistance should be sought, and that it should be provided by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund;

3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to undertake urgent programmes to assist the indigenous population of the Territory of South West Africa in their respective fields;

4. *Requests* the Government of the Union of South Africa to seek such assistance and to extend its co-operation to the above-mentioned specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund in implementing such urgent programmes to improve the economic, social, educational and health conditions of the indigenous population in South West Africa, and to facilitate their work in the Territory in every possible way;

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464).

5. *Requests* the above-mentioned specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund to report to the Committee on South West Africa and to the General Assembly at their respective sessions during 1961 on the action taken in implementing the present resolution.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

#### 1567 (XV). The Windhoek Location

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* a report from the Committee on South West Africa with respect to disturbances in the Windhoek Native Location relating to the removal of the Location residents to a new site called Katutura,<sup>22</sup>

*Noting with regret* that the construction of the new Location at Katutura is part of the plan laid down by the present Prime Minister in his former capacity as Minister of Native Affairs to the effect that Native Locations in urban areas, based on the policy of *apartheid*, must be situated in such a manner that a permanent "buffer strip of at least 500 yards" on which "no development at all is allowed" is maintained "between the Native residential area and that of any other racial group",<sup>23</sup>

*Observing with deep concern* that on the night of 10 to 11 December 1959, after repeated expressions of opposition by Location residents to their removal had failed to obtain the sympathetic consideration of officials of the Mandatory Power, police and soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Location residents, killing eleven Africans and injuring at least forty-four others,

*Noting* the report transmitted to the United Nations by the Government of the Union of South Africa<sup>24</sup> concerning an inquiry into the events in Windhoek Location on 10 to 11 December 1959, and the direct causes which gave rise thereto,

*Taking into account* the additional information contained in the report of the Committee on South West Africa and in oral and written petitions from inhabitants of the Territory,

*Noting also* the many protests received by the Committee during 1959 in petitions and communications against the impending removal to the new Location site on the grounds, *inter alia*, that the removal was part of the intensified application of the *apartheid* policy.

*Considering* that the *apartheid* policy applied in South West Africa is contrary to the terms of the Mandate, the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Considering further* that the application of the *apartheid* policy, of which the occurrences in Windhoek have been an unfortunate consequence, is prejudicial to the maintenance of a peaceful and orderly administration in the Mandated Territory,

1. *Expresses deep regret* at the action taken by the police and soldiers in the Windhoek Native Location on the night of 10 to 11 December 1959 against residents of the Location, resulting in the death of eleven Africans and many other casualties;

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464), paras. 138-229.

<sup>23</sup> Union of South Africa, *Senate Debates*, 1956, No. 15, cols. 3884 and 3885.

<sup>24</sup> For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464), annex V.*

2. *Deplores* the fact reported by petitioners that the Mandatory Power has employed such means as deportations, dismissals from employment, threats of such action and other methods of intimidation to secure the removal of residents of the Windhoek Location to Katutura despite the continued opposition of the residents to their removal;

3. *Notes with deep concern* that the situation remains critical;

4. *Urges* the Mandatory Power to refrain from the use of direct or indirect force to secure the removal of Location residents;

5. *Requests* the Mandatory Power to take steps to prosecute and punish the civilian and military officers responsible for the death of eleven Africans and many other casualties in the Windhoek Native Location on the night of 10 to 11 December 1959, and to provide adequate compensation to the families of the victims;

6. *Draws the attention* of the Mandatory Power to the recommendations of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the measures which should be taken to alleviate the tension and unrest in the Windhoek area, and in particular to the recommendation that housing developments in urban areas of the Territory should be carried out in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

#### 1568 (XV). Question of South West Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having recommended*, in previous resolutions, that the Territory of South West Africa should be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

*Having accepted*, in resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>13</sup>

*Taking note with deep regret* of the refusal of the Government of the Union of South Africa to modify its administration of the Territory in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to enter into negotiations with the United Nations, through the Committee on South West Africa, with a view to placing the Mandated Territory under the International Trusteeship System,

*Noting with grave concern* that the administration of the Territory, particularly in recent years, has been conducted in a manner increasingly contrary to the Mandate, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice and the resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Considering* that all the efforts of the United Nations to induce the Government of the Union of South Africa to modify the present principles and practices of that administration and to ensure the well-being and security of the indigenous inhabitants of the Territory have been of no avail,

*Considering with concern* that the present situation in South West Africa constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

*Considering* that most of the Mandated Territories which were placed under the International Trusteeship System have acceded or will soon accede to national independence,

*Recognizing* that the Territory of South West Africa has an inalienable right to independence and to the exercise of its full national sovereignty,

1. *Regrets* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has so far failed to respond to the repeated appeals of the General Assembly asking it to revise a policy which infringes the fundamental rights and freedoms of the indigenous inhabitants of South West Africa and imposes upon them disabilities of various kinds, hindering their political, economic and social advancement;

2. *Deplores and disapproves* the policy practised by the Government of the Union of South Africa contrary to its obligations under the international Mandate of 17 December 1920 for South West Africa;

3. *Deprecates* the application, in the Territory of South West Africa, of the policy of *apartheid*, and calls upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to revoke or rescind immediately all laws and regulations based on that policy;

4. *Invites* the Committee on South West Africa, in addition to its normal tasks, to go to South West Africa immediately to investigate the situation prevailing in the Territory and to ascertain and make proposals to the General Assembly on:

(a) The conditions for restoring a climate of peace and security;

(b) The steps which would enable the indigenous inhabitants of South West Africa to achieve a wide measure of internal self-government designed to lead them to complete independence as soon as possible;

5. *Urges* the Government of the Union of South Africa to facilitate the mission of the Committee on South West Africa;

6. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa to make a preliminary report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide facilities for the execution of the present resolution.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

#### 1569 (XV). Question of the future of Western Samoa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the Trusteeship Council on the Trust Territory of Western Samoa under New Zealand administration,<sup>25</sup> as well as the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, 1959,<sup>26</sup>

*Having taken note* of the Constitution adopted by the Constitutional Convention of Western Samoa on 28 October 1960 and the resolutions adopted by that Convention,<sup>27</sup>

<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4404), part II, chapter V.*

<sup>26</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1483), document T/1449.*

<sup>27</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, documents A/C.4/454 and Add.1.*

Noting the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representative of the Administering Authority and by the Prime Minister of Western Samoa,<sup>28</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, take steps, in consultation with a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, to organize, under the supervision of the United Nations, a plebiscite in Western Samoa under New Zealand administration, in order to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory concerning their future;

2. *Recommends further* that the plebiscite should take place in the month of May 1961 and that the questions to be asked should be:

"1. Do you agree with the Constitution adopted by the Constitutional Convention on 28 October 1960?"

"2. Do you agree that on 1 January 1962 Western Samoa should become an independent State on the basis of that Constitution?"

3. *Recommends further* that the plebiscite should be conducted on the basis of universal suffrage with all adult citizens of Western Samoa being entitled to vote;

4. *Decides* to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa who shall exercise, on behalf of the General Assembly, all the necessary powers and functions of supervision, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council a report on the organization, conduct and result of the plebiscite;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its sixteenth session, the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, together with any recommendations and observations it considers necessary.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

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At its 954th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>29</sup> appointed Mr. Najmudine Rifai (United Arab Republic) United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa.

## 1579 (XV). Question of the future of Ruanda-Urundi

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the reports of the Trusteeship Council<sup>30</sup> and of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1960,<sup>31</sup> on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi called for under General Assembly resolution 1419 (XIV) of 5 December 1959,

*Noting* from the report of the Trusteeship Council that it is the Administering Authority's intention to hold early in 1961 elections on the basis of universal

adult suffrage, and under the supervision of the United Nations, for the purpose of constituting national assemblies for Ruanda and Urundi,

*Noting further* the statement of the Administering Authority that the elections are scheduled to begin on 15 January 1961, and its invitation to the United Nations to send a mission to Ruanda-Urundi about 15 December 1960 to see the actual implementation of the arrangements for the elections, such as the composition of the electoral rolls, the course of the election campaign and the organization of the poll,<sup>32</sup>

*Being conscious* of its responsibility to ensure that the supervision of the elections by the United Nations is effective, and that the elections, which will furnish the basis for the Territory's independence, are held in proper conditions so that their results are completely free of doubt or dispute,

*Having heard* the views of the petitioners belonging to various political parties and groups of Ruanda-Urundi,

1. *Considers* that the necessary conditions and atmosphere must be brought about expeditiously to ensure that the legislative elections, which will lead to the establishment of national democratic institutions and furnish the basis for the national independence of Ruanda-Urundi in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, take place in an atmosphere of peace and harmony;

2. *Urges* the Administering Authority to implement immediately measures of full and unconditional amnesty and to abolish the emergency régime so as to enable political workers and leaders who are in exile or imprisoned in the Territory to resume normal, democratic political activity before the elections;

3. *Considers* that the expeditious return and rehabilitation of thousands of victims of recent disturbances in Ruanda who were compelled to take refuge away from their homes in Ruanda or abroad will assist the process of reconciliation, and urges the Administering Authority and the local authorities concerned to adopt all possible means to that end;

4. *Recommends* that a conference fully representative of political parties, attended by United Nations observers, should be held early in 1961, before the elections, in order to compose the differences between the parties and to bring about national harmony;

5. *Appeals* to all parties and political leaders of Ruanda-Urundi to exert their efforts to achieve an atmosphere of understanding, peace and harmony for the good of their Territory and people as a whole on the eve of independence;

6. *Calls upon* the Administering Authority to refrain from using the Territory as a base, whether for internal or external purposes, for the accumulation of arms or armed forces not strictly required for the purpose of maintaining public order in the Territory;

7. *Recommends* that the elections scheduled to be held in January 1961 should be postponed to a date to be decided on at the resumed fifteenth session of the General Assembly in the light of the recommendations of the Commission referred to in paragraph 8 below, so that, in addition to the fulfilment of the purpose of the preceding paragraphs of the present resolution,

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 1081st meeting.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, document A/4663, para. 10.

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4404), part II, chapter II.

<sup>31</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (T/1551).*

<sup>32</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 45, document A/C.4/455.*

the arrangements for the elections can be completed under the supervision of the United Nations;

8. *Decides* to set up a United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, composed of three members, who will be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Commission;

9. *Requests* the Commission to proceed immediately to Ruanda-Urundi to perform the following tasks on behalf of the United Nations:

(a) To supervise the elections to be held in Ruanda-Urundi in 1961 on the basis of direct, universal adult suffrage, and the preparatory measures preceding them, such as the compilation of the electoral rolls, the conduct of the election campaign and the organization of a system of balloting which will ensure complete secrecy;

(b) To attend, as United Nations observers, the political conference envisaged in paragraph 4 above and the round-table conference to be convened after the elections to determine the future evolution of the Territory towards independence;

(c) To follow the progress of events in the Territory before and after the elections, to lend its advice and assistance, as appropriate, with a view to advancing peace and harmony in Ruanda-Urundi, and to report to the Trusteeship Council or the General Assembly, as necessary;

10. *Requests* the Commission to submit an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session;

11. *Endorses* the observation of the Trusteeship Council that, in view of the essential community of interests and the facts of history and geography, the best future for Ruanda-Urundi lies in the evolution of a single, united and composite State, with such arrangements for the internal autonomy of Ruanda and Urundi as may be agreed upon by their representatives.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

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*At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>33</sup> appointed the members of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi.*

*The Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Max Dorcinville (Haiti), Chairman, Mr. Majid Rahnema (Iran) and Mr. Ernest Gassou (Togo).*

## 1580 (XV). Question of the Mwami

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that a division of opinion has arisen in Ruanda-Urundi with regard to the institution of monarchy and with regard to the person of the present Mwami of Ruanda,

*Considering further* that such a situation poses a constitutional question of far-reaching importance which should be settled in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Territory,

*Noting* that, on several occasions, the Mwami has stated his desire to be a democratic and constitutional sovereign,

*Noting further* that the Mwami of Ruanda, in a memorandum to the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1960, has accepted the idea of a referendum to decide this question,

*Having perused* the statement of the Mwami to the Fourth Committee,<sup>34</sup>

1. *Notes with regret* that the Administering Authority has arbitrarily suspended the powers of the Mwami of Ruanda and has not allowed him to return to Ruanda to resume his duties as Mwami;

2. *Requests* the Administering Authority to revoke the measures adopted by it to suspend the powers of the Mwami, and to facilitate his return to Ruanda to enable him to function as Mwami pending the ascertainment of the wishes of the people on this question;

3. *Decides* that a referendum should be held under the supervision of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi established under General Assembly resolution 1579 (XV) of 20 December 1960, in order to ascertain the wishes of the people concerning the institution of the Mwami, and if necessary, the present Mwami of Ruanda;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, after studying the situation on the spot, to submit to the General Assembly, at its resumed fifteenth session, recommendations concerning the timing of the referendum and the questions to be put therein.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4672, para. 25.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/467.

**Notes****Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa  
(item 43 (c))**

At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>35</sup> reappointed the following States as members of the Committee on South West Africa: INDONESIA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and URUGUAY.

**Election to fill vacancies in the Committee on Information  
from Non-Self-Governing Territories  
(item 42)**

At its 1095th meeting on 19 December 1960, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of Assembly resolution 1332 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, elected two members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a period of three years.<sup>36</sup> At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the Assembly confirmed this election.

The following States were elected: LIBERIA and MEXICO.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 43, document A/4643/Add.1, para. 4.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 42, document A/4679, para. 8.

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**1494 (XV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Contributions**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. Pavel Mikhailovich Chernyshev;

2. *Declares* Mr. Chernyshev to be appointed for a period commencing on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1960.

*906th plenary meeting,  
17 October 1960.*

**1543 (XV). United Nations: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and reports of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>2</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/4380).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4410.*

**1544 (XV). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>3</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourth report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>4</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1545 (XV). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>5</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 A (A/4382).*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4411.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 B (A/4383).*