

Keeping in mind the principles and purposes contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Considering that by resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 the General Assembly established a Special Committee of seventeen members on the application of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Considering further that in paragraph 8 of that resolution the General Assembly requested the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to assist the Special Committee in its work,

1. *Decides* to continue the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the same basis as hitherto until such time as the General Assembly has decided that the principles embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples have been fully implemented;

2. *Decides further* that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories shall examine the political and constitutional information transmitted by the Administering Members as well as information relating to functional fields, and submit its reports to the General Assembly with its observations and conclusions thereon;

3. *Instructs* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to undertake intensive studies of political, educational, economic and social conditions and problems of Territories located in the same area or region, except where circumstances require individual consideration;

4. *Recalls* its resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and instructs the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to invite the cooperation of the Special Committee of seven members established by General Assembly resolution 1699 (XVI) of 19 December 1961;

5. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to transmit to the Special Committee on the application of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples the reports referred to in paragraph 2 above, and to provide it with pertinent material available to the Committee on Information including such studies prepared for its consideration as may be required for the discharge of the Special Committee's functions.

1083rd plenary meeting,  
19 December 1961.

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At its 1253rd meeting, on 18 December 1961, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, elected four members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a period of three years to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of the Dominican Republic, Ghana, India and Iraq.<sup>16</sup> At its 1083rd plenary meeting, on 19 December 1961, the Assembly confirmed this election.

The following States were elected: ECUADOR, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES and UPPER VOLTA.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 46, document A/5048, para. 2.

## 1701 (XVI). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,<sup>17</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities take account of the recommendations and observations contained in the report;

3. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council should consider at its twenty-eighth session the comments and suggestions which were made, during the discussion of the report at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, regarding the remaining Territories under trusteeship, as well as the Council's methods of work and procedure, in order to bring them into accordance with the requirements of the new situation in the field of the International Trusteeship System.

1083rd plenary meeting,  
19 December 1961.

## 1702 (XVI). Question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples", and its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 establishing a Special Committee of seventeen members on the application of the Declaration,

Recalling its resolutions 1568 (XV) of 18 December 1960 and 1596 (XV) of 7 April 1961,

Noting with approval the special report of the Committee on South West Africa,<sup>18</sup>

Bearing in mind the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa on the measures to be taken to ensure the institution of the rule of law and such democratic processes, reforms and programmes of assistance as will enable the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to assume the full responsibilities of sovereignty and independence within the shortest possible time,

Noting with deep regret that the Government of the Republic of South Africa has prevented the Committee on South West Africa, with threats, from entering the Territory,

Noting with increased disquiet the progressive deterioration of the situation in South West Africa as a result of the ruthless intensification of the policy of apartheid, the deep emotional resentments of all African peoples, accompanied by the rapid expansion of South Africa's military forces, and the fact that Europeans, both soldiers and civilians, are being armed and militarily reinforced for the purpose of oppressing the indigenous people, all of which create an increasingly explosive situation which, if allowed to continue, will endanger international peace and security,

Considering that the Government of South Africa has persistently failed in its international obligations

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/4926).