

sanction, directly or indirectly, discriminatory policies and practices based on racial considerations, the adoption of legislative measures making racial discrimination and segregation punishable by law, and the discouragement of such practices based on racial considerations by all other means possible, including administrative measures;

(b) The immediate extension to all inhabitants of the full exercise of basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take measures for the immediate and large-scale dissemination of the present resolution in the Non-Self-Governing Territories through all the appropriate media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the languages of the Administering Members;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, not later than September 1962, a report on the implementation of the present resolution for the consideration of the General Assembly and any other body which the Assembly may appoint to assist it in the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV).

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19 December 1961.*

1699 (XVI). Non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV)

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960 it declared that an obligation exists on the part of the Government of Portugal to transmit information under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories under its administration, and that this obligation should be discharged without further delay,

Noting with deep regret that the Government of Portugal has refused and still continues to refuse to submit information on its Non-Self-Governing Territories or to participate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, as called for by General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV) and Chapter XI of the Charter,

Recalling further the principles set forth in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Considering that the provisions of the said Declaration and any decision of the General Assembly concerning its implementation are fully applicable to the Territories under Portuguese administration equally with other Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the continuing deterioration of the situation in the Territories under Portuguese administration,

1. *Condemns* the continuing non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with its obligations under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with the terms of General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV), and its refusal to co-operate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Considers* it necessary that, pending the fulfilment of these obligations by the Government of Portugal, the General Assembly must, for its part, continue to discharge its own obligations and responsibilities towards the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under Portuguese administration;

3. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee of seven members to be elected by the General Assembly to examine as a matter of urgency, within the context of Chapter XI of the Charter and relevant resolutions of the Assembly, such information as is available concerning Territories under Portuguese administration, and to formulate its observations, conclusions and recommendations for the consideration of the Assembly and any other body which the Assembly may appoint to assist it in the implementation of its resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the compliance by Portugal with its obligations under Chapter XI of the Charter to transmit information on conditions in the Territories under its administration, to prepare for the use of the Special Committee, on the basis of available information, background papers containing information on conditions prevailing in the Territories under the administration of Portugal;

5. *Authorizes* the Special Committee, in order that information available to it may be as up to date and authentic as possible, to receive petitions and hear petitioners concerning conditions prevailing in Portuguese Non-Self-Governing Territories;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Special Committee with such necessary secretarial and other assistance as it may require in the performance of its tasks;

7. *Requests* Member States to use their influence to secure the compliance of Portugal with its obligations under the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

8. *Further requests* Member States to deny Portugal any support and assistance which it may use for the suppression of the peoples of its Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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19 December 1961.*

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At its 1257th meeting, on 20 December 1961, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, elected the members of the Special Committee established under paragraph 3 of the above resolution. At its 1087th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly approved the election.

The following Member States were elected: BULGARIA, CEYLON, COLOMBIA, CYPRUS, GUATEMALA, GUINEA and NIGERIA.

1700 (XVI). Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having recognized the usefulness and value of the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in the interests of the advancement of peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and of the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

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.

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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.¹⁶ 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.

¹⁶ *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 1961,¹⁷

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,¹⁸

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

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

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