

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL
POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

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1881 (XVIII). The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1761 (XVII) of 6 November 1962,

Recalling the Security Council resolution of 7 August 1963,¹ which called upon the Government of the Republic of South Africa to liberate all persons imprisoned, interned or subjected to other restrictions for having opposed the policy of *apartheid*,

Taking note of the reports of the Special Committee on the Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,² which stress the fact that the harsh repressive measures instituted by the Government of South Africa frustrate the possibilities for peaceful settlement, increase hostility among the racial groups and precipitate violent conflict,

Considering reports to the effect that the Government of South Africa is arranging the trial of a large number of political prisoners under arbitrary laws prescribing the death sentence,

Considering that such a trial will inevitably lead to a further deterioration of the already explosive situation in South Africa, thereby further disturbing international peace and security,

1. *Condemns* the Government of the Republic of South Africa for its failure to comply with the repeated resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council calling for an end to the repression of persons opposing *apartheid*;

2. *Requests* the Government of South Africa to abandon the arbitrary trial now in progress and forth-

¹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighteenth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1963, document S/5386.*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 30, documents A/5497 and Add.1.*

with to grant unconditional release to all political prisoners and to all persons imprisoned, interned or subjected to other restrictions for having opposed the policy of *apartheid*;

3. *Requests* all Member States to make all necessary efforts to induce the Government of South Africa to ensure that the provisions of paragraph 2 above are put into effect immediately;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly and the Security Council, as soon as possible during the eighteenth session, on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1238th plenary meeting,
11 October 1963.*

1896 (XVIII). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the objectives of its resolutions 1629 (XVI) of 27 October 1961 and 1764 (XVII) of 20 November 1962,

Recalling the important part which the study of the effects of atomic radiation has played in alerting world opinion to their dangers,

Emphasizing the importance, from the point of view of harmful atomic radiation, of the cessation of nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water,

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved towards implementing the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radio-activity,

Convinced that international co-operation in this field continues to be necessary to gain knowledge of the levels of radio-activity from all sources,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on the work of its twelfth session;³

³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 31, document A/5406.