2053 (XX). Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 authorizing the President of the General Assembly to establish a Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, under the chairmanship of the President of the Assembly and with the collaboration of the Secretary-General, and instructing the Special Committee to undertake as soon as possible a comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects, including ways of overcoming the present financial difficulties of the Organization,

Noting the reports of the Special Committee dated 15 June 1965 and 31 August 1965,

Noting the replies of Member States to the request of the Special Committee that Member States submit their views on the guidelines in regard to future peace-keeping operations contained in paragraph 52 of the report of 31 May 1965 submitted jointly to that Committee by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly,

Noting also the consensus of the Special Committee, set forth in its report of 31 August 1965, which was adopted by the General Assembly at its 1331st plenary meeting, on 1 September 1965, and the Secretary-General's consequent appeal to the Governments of all Member States to make voluntary contributions so that the financial difficulties of the Organization may be solved and the future may be faced with renewed hope and confidence,

Recalling the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 1331st plenary meeting that the modalities for the continuance of the work of the Special Committee should be decided upon at the twentieth session,

Taking into account the views expressed and the proposals made on peace-keeping during the debate on the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects",

1. Requests the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to continue and to complete as soon as possible the work assigned to it by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 2006 (XIX) and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-first session:

2. Transmits to the Special Committee the records of the debates during the present session on the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects”.

3. Invites the Special Committee to elect its officers from among its members and expresses the hope that the Committee will continue to enjoy the counsel of the President of the General Assembly and the close collaboration of the Secretary-General in its work;

4. Calls upon all Member States to make voluntary contributions so that the future may be faced with renewed hope and confidence.

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B

The General Assembly,

Desires that the consideration in the United Nations organs of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects should continued in an atmosphere of harmony and co-operation,

Having considered the important contribution of the delegation of Ireland and of Mr. Frank Aiken, the distinguished Minister for External Affairs of Ireland, in the search for a solution to the question of peace-keeping operations,

Noting the suggestions contained in the draft resolution submitted by Ceylon, Costa Rica, Ghana, Ireland, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nepal, the Philippines and Somalia,

Having adopted resolution A above instructing the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to continue and to complete as soon as possible the work assigned to it by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-first session,

Refers to the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations the draft resolution mentioned in the third preambular paragraph above and invites the Committee to give it careful consideration.

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2054 (XX). The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,

Considering the recommendations and conclusions contained in the report8 of the Group of Experts established under Security Council resolution 182 (1963) of 4 December 1963,

Recalling Security Council resolution 191 (1964) of 18 June 1964,

Gravely concerned at the aggravation of the explosive situation in the Republic of South Africa as a result of the continued implementation of the policies of apartheid by the Government of South Africa in violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and in defiance of the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly,

Profundely disturbed at the fact that the policies and actions of the Government of South Africa are thus aggravating the situation in neighbouring territories in southern Africa,

8 Ibid., Twentieth Session, Annex 2, annex No. 1, documents A/5915 and Add.1.
4 Ibid., documents A/5916 and Add.1.
5 Ibid., document A/5915/Add.1, annex 11.
Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Special Political Committee

Noting the measures taken by Member States in pursuance of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Having studied the notes, annexed to the Special Committee's report of 17 June 1963, on the build-up of military and police forces in the Republic of South Africa and on recent investments by foreign-owned corporations in that country,9

Considering that prompt and effective international action is imperative in order to avert the grave danger of a violent racial conflict in Africa, which would inevitably have grave repercussions throughout the world,

Recalling its resolution 1761 (XVII) of 6 November 1962 recommending the application of economic and diplomatic sanctions against South Africa,

1. Urgently appeals to the major trading partners of the Republic of South Africa to cease their increasing economic collaboration with the Government of South Africa, which encourages that Government to defy world opinion and to accelerate the implementation of the policies of apartheid;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and requests it to continue to perform its functions;

3. Decides to enlarge the Special Committee by the addition of six members, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of the following criteria:10

(a) Primary responsibility with regard to world trade;

(b) Primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security;

(c) Equitable geographical distribution;

4. Condemns the Government of South Africa for its refusal to comply with the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly and its continued implementation of the policies of apartheid;

5. Firmly supports all those who are opposing the policies of apartheid and particularly those who are combating such policies in South Africa;

6. Draws the attention of the Security Council to the fact that the situation in South Africa constitutes a threat to international peace and security, that action under Chapter VII of the Charter is essential in order to solve the problem of apartheid and that universally applied economic sanctions are the only means of achieving a peaceful solution;

7. Deplores the actions of those States which, through political, economic and military collaboration with the Government of South Africa, are encouraging it to persist in its racial policies;

8. Again requests all States to comply fully with all the resolutions of the Security Council on this question and to halt forthwith the sale and delivery to South Africa of arms, ammunition of all types, military vehicles, and equipment and materials intended for their manufacture and maintenance;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee, to take appropriate measures for the widest possible dissemination of information on the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa and on United Nations efforts to deal with the situation, and requests all Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the Special Committee in this regard;

10. Invites the specialized agencies:

(a) To take the necessary steps to deny technical and economic assistance to the Government of South Africa, without, however, interfering with humanitarian assistance to the victims of the policies of apartheid;

(b) To take active measures, within their fields of competence, to compel the Government of South Africa to abandon its racial policies;

(c) To co-operate with the Special Committee in the implementation of its terms of reference;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with all the necessary means, including appropriate financial means, for the effective accomplishment of its task.

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B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1978 B (XVIII) of 16 December 1963,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General in pursuance of that resolution,11

Considering the recommendation contained in paragraphs 161 to 164 of the report of 16 August 1965 submitted by the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa,12

Deeply concerned at the plight of numerous persons persecuted by the Government of South Africa for their opposition to the policies of apartheid and repression, and at the plight of their families,

Considering that humanitarian assistance to such persons and their families is in keeping with the purposes of the United Nations,

1. Expresses its great appreciation to the Governments which have made contributions in response to General Assembly resolution 1978 B (XVIII) and to the appeal made on 26 October 1964 by the Special Committee on the Policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa;13

2. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, made up of voluntary contributions from States, organizations and individuals, to be used for grants to voluntary organizations, Governments of host countries of refugees from South Africa and other appropriate bodies, towards:

(a) Legal assistance to persons charged under discriminatory and repressive legislation in South Africa;

10 See A/6226.
11 Ibid., Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 12, document A/5850; A/5850/Add.1; ibid., Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, documents A/6052 and Add.1.
12 Ibid., Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/5957.
13 Ibid., Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 12, document A/5825, para. 118.
(b) Relief for dependants of persons persecuted by the Government of South Africa for acts arising from opposition to the policies of apartheid;

(c) Education of prisoners, their children and other dependants;

(d) Relief for refugees from South Africa;

3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to nominate five Member States, each of which should appoint a person to serve on a Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa, which will decide on the uses of the Fund;

4. Authorizes and requests the Committee of Trustees to take steps to promote contributions to the Fund, and to promote co-operation and co-ordination in the activities of voluntary organizations concerned with relief and assistance to the victims of the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance to the Committee of Trustees in the discharge of its responsibilities;

6. Appeals to Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Fund.

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The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of resolution 84 above, nominated the following Member States: CHILE, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN and SWEDEN.14

2078 (XX). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, which established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions reaffirming the desirability of the Committee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects to present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need for compiling information on atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

1. Takes note of the reports of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on the work of its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions;15

2. Commends the Scientific Committee for its valuable contributions to wider knowledge and understanding of the effects and levels of atomic radiation during the ten years of the Committee’s existence;

3. Requests the Scientific Committee to continue its programme, including its co-ordinating activities, to increase the knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. Commends the World Meteorological Organization for its work in carrying forward the scheme for monitoring and reporting levels of atmospheric radioactivity;

5. Acknowledges with appreciation the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by the World Meteorological Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

6. Recommends that all parties concerned continue their co-operation with the Scientific Committee;

7. Notes the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Scientific Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work and the dissemination of its findings to the public.

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18 December 1965.

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Note

Peaceful settlement of disputes (item 99)

At its 1403rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1965, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Special Political Committee16 that the consideration of this item should be postponed to the twenty-first session.

15 Ibid., Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/5814); Ibid., Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/6123.

16 Ibid., Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 99, document A/6187, para. 11.