the people of the Territory to exercise the right of self-determination and to achieve independence, and to report to the General Assembly at a special session as soon as possible and in any event not later than April 1967;

7. Calls upon the Government of South Africa forthwith to refrain and desist from any action, constitutional, administrative, political or otherwise, which will in any manner whatsoever alter or tend to alter the present international status of South West Africa;

8. Calls the attention of the Security Council to the present resolution;

9. Requests all States to extend their whole-hearted co-operation and to render assistance in the implementation of the present resolution;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all the assistance necessary to implement the present resolution and to enable the Ad Hoc Committee for South West Africa to perform its duties.

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The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of paragraph 6 of the above resolution, designated the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for South West Africa.12

The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of the following Member States: CANADA, CHILE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, SENEGAL, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

2146 (XXI). Petitions concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the United Nations with regard to South West Africa,

Noting that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has received and examined forty-four petitions concerning South West Africa, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and paragraph 8 (a) of Assembly resolution 1899 (XVIII) of 13 November 1963,

Noting further that these petitions relate, inter alia, to the establishment of military bases in the Territory of South West Africa, the situation of refugees from the Territory, political organizations, the shooting, arrest and deportation of political leaders, the ejection of Africans from urban areas, the implementation of the recommendations of the Odendaal Commission,13 the situation in Ovamboland, labour conditions in the Territory, the judgement of the International Court of Justice of 18 July 196614 and the future of the Territory,

I. Notes that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has taken these petitions into account in its consideration of the question of South West Africa;

2. Draws the attention of the petitioners concerned to the report of the Special Committee concerning the Territory of South West Africa15 and to the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first session on the question of South West Africa, as well as the reports of the Secretary-General relating to the Territory.16

1454th plenary meeting, 27 October 1966.

2147 (XXI). Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Acting in accordance with the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 227 (1966) of 28 October 1966, and pending further consideration of the present item,

Extends the appointment of U Thant as Secretary-General of the United Nations until the end of the twenty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

1455th plenary meeting, 1 November 1966.


The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1965-1966.17

1474th plenary meeting, 22 November 1966.

2159 (XXI). Representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the recommendation contained in its resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950 that, whenever more than one authority claims to be the government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations, the question should be considered in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the circumstances of each case,

Recalling further its decision in resolution 1668 (XVI) of 15 December 1961, in accordance with Article 18 of the Charter, that any proposal to change the representation of China is an important question, which, in General Assembly resolution 2025 (XX) of 17 November 1965, was affirmed as remaining valid,

Affirms again that this decision remains valid.

1481st plenary meeting, 29 November 1966.

15 Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/6300/Rev.1), chapter IV.
16 A/632 and Add.1.
17 Annual report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1965-30 June 1966 (Vienna, July 1966), and supplementary report, transmitted to the Members of the General Assembly by notes of the Secretary-General (A/6345 and Add.1).