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1755 (XVII). Question of Southern Rhodesia

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 1 of its resolution 1747 (XVI) of 28 June 1962, which affirms that the Territory of Southern Rhodesia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory,

Deeply concerned at the deplorable, critical and explosive situation obtaining in Southern Rhodesia as a result of the state of emergency, the banning of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, and the arrests and detention of nationalist leaders, a situation which consti-

tutes a denial of political rights and endangers peace and security in Africa and in the world at large,

1. *Urges* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take, as a matter of urgency, measures which would be most effective to secure:

(a) The immediate and unconditional release of the President of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, Mr. Joshua Nkomo, and all other nationalist leaders, restricted, detained or imprisoned;

(b) The immediate lifting of the ban on the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union;

2. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom to inform the General Assembly at its seventeenth session regarding the implementation of the present resolution.

*1152nd plenary meeting,
12 October 1962.*

1760 (XVII). Question of Southern Rhodesia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, the provisions of which are fully applicable to the Territory of Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling its resolution 1747 (XVI) of 28 June 1962, by which the General Assembly affirmed that the Territory of Southern Rhodesia is a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Confirming the inalienable rights of the people of Southern Rhodesia to self-determination and to form an independent African State,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹

Having adopted resolution 1755 (XVII) of 12 October 1962,

Having heard the petitioners,

Noting with deep regret that the administering Power has not yet taken steps to carry out the request, contained in resolution 1747 (XVI), to undertake urgently the convening of a constitutional conference, in which there shall be full participation of representatives of all political parties, for the purpose of formulating a constitution for Southern Rhodesia, in place of the Constitution of 6 December 1961, which would ensure the rights of the majority of the people, on the basis of "one man, one vote", in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, embodied in resolution 1514 (XV),

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1747 (XVI);

2. *Considers* that the attempt to impose the Constitution of 6 December 1961, which has been rejected and is being vehemently opposed by most of the political parties and the vast majority of the people of Southern Rhodesia, and to hold elections under it will aggravate the existing explosive situation in that Territory;

3. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take the necessary measures to secure:

(a) The immediate implementation of resolutions 1747 (XVI) and 1755 (XVII);

(b) The immediate suspension of the enforcement of the Constitution of 6 December 1961 and cancellation of the general elections scheduled to take place shortly under that Constitution;

(c) The immediate convening of a constitutional conference, in accordance with resolution 1747 (XVI), to formulate a new constitution for Southern Rhodesia;

(d) The immediate extension to the whole population, without discrimination, of the full and uncondi-

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 25, document A/5238.*

tional exercise of their basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among all inhabitants of the Territory;

4. *Requests* the Acting Secretary-General to lend his good offices to promote conciliation among the various sections of the population of Southern Rhodesia by initiating prompt discussions with the United Kingdom Government and other parties concerned, with a view to achieving the objectives set out in this and all the other resolutions of the General Assembly on the question of Southern Rhodesia, and to report to the Assembly at its present session as well as to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;²

5. *Decides* to keep the item entitled "Question of Southern Rhodesia" on the agenda of its seventeenth session.

*1163rd plenary meeting,
31 October 1962.*

1804 (XVII). Petitions and communications relating to the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,³

Having authorized the Special Committee for South West Africa, by paragraph 3 of resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, to examine petitions as far as possible in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Draws the attention of the petitioners concerned to the report of the Special Committee for South West Africa to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session⁴ and to the report of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee on their visit to South Africa and South West Africa,⁵ as well as to the resolutions on the question of South West Africa adopted by the Assembly at its seventeenth session.

*1194th plenary meeting,
14 December 1962.*

1805 (XVII). 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",

Recalling further its previous resolutions on the question of South West Africa and in particular resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961,

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

Noting with appreciation the report of the Special Committee for South West Africa⁴ and chapter IX of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹

² See note on item 56, p. 44.

³ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/5212), and document A/5212/Add.1 and 2.*

⁵ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/5212), part II.*