

including the possibilities for increased international co-operation, especially as they relate to economic and social development, in particular of the developing countries;

(c) Possible methods of preparing for the Conference and the time necessary for such preparations;

(d) A possible time and place for the Conference;

(e) The range of financial implications for the United Nations of the holding of the Conference;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the report, to consult Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency and appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, and to draw on contributions from appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

*1733rd plenary meeting,
3 December 1968.*

2403 (XXIII). Question of Namibia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and subsequent resolutions on this question,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 246 (1968) of 14 March 1968, in particular the last preambular paragraph in which the Council took cognizance of its special responsibility towards the people and Territory of Namibia,

Noting with appreciation the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia,⁷

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Namibia to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and the legitimacy of their struggle against the foreign occupation of their country;

2. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the Government of South Africa for its persistent defiance of the authority and resolutions of the United Nations, for its refusal to withdraw from Namibia and for its policy and actions designed to destroy the national unity and territorial integrity of Namibia;

3. *Decides* to draw the attention of the Security Council to the serious situation which has arisen as a result of the illegal presence and actions of the Government of South Africa in Namibia;

4. *Recommends* the Security Council urgently to take all effective measures, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, to ensure the immediate withdrawal of South African authorities from Namibia so as to enable Namibia to attain independence in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2145 (XXI);

5. *Commends* to the appropriate organs of the United Nations acting in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, for their consideration, the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to continue to discharge by every available means the responsibilities and functions entrusted to it;

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 64, document A/7338 and Corr.1.*

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to enable the United Nations Council for Namibia to perform its duties and functions.

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16 December 1968.*

2404 (XXIII). Petitions concerning Namibia

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the United Nations with regard to Namibia, including in particular those set out in General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and 2325 (XXII) of 16 December 1967,

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 during 1967 and 1968 seventy-eight petitions concerning Namibia, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and within the context of the implementation of the Declaration,

Noting further that these petitions relate, *inter alia*, to the general situation and recent developments concerning Namibia, the continued refusal by South Africa to implement General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) and 2248 (S-V), especially as regards the transfer to the United Nations Council for Namibia of the administration of the Territory, the illegal arrest, detention and trial of thirty-seven Namibians and the sentencing of thirty-one of them by South Africa, the extension of the Suppression of Communism Act to the Territory, the arrest of political leaders and restrictions on political activities in the Territory, the deproclamation of the Old Location in Windhoek, the plans to create a "self-governing homeland" in Ovamboland and the removal of Africans from their ancestral lands according to the recommendations of the Odendaal Commission,⁸

1. *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 situation in Namibia within the context of the implementation of the Declaration;

2. *Notes further* that those petitions which raised matters of concern to the United Nations Council for Namibia have been brought to the latter's attention by the Secretariat and have been taken into consideration by the Council in the performance of the functions assigned to it by the General Assembly in resolutions 2248 (S-V) and 2325 (XXII);

3. *Draws the attention* of the petitioners concerned to the report concerning the Territory submitted by the Special Committee⁹ and to the resolutions on the question of Namibia adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions, as well as to the reports of the Secretary-General relating to the Territory and the reports of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

*1742nd plenary meeting,
16 December 1968.*

⁸ "Commission of Enquiry into South West Africa Affairs" established in 1962 by the Government of South Africa under the chairmanship of Mr. F. H. Odendaal.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter VII.*