

implemented in Namibia after the withdrawal of South Africa from the Territory,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the operation of the United Nations Fund for Namibia during 1972 and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. *Decides*, as a transitional measure, to allocate to the Fund the sum of \$100,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1973;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to continue to appeal to Governments for voluntary contributions to the Fund;

4. *Invites* Governments to appeal once more to their national organizations and institutions for voluntary financial contributions to the Fund;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to implement the long-term measures and studies outlined in his report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session as soon as the necessary funds become available;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to implement the arrangements for the administration and supervision of the Fund, with the advice of the United Nations Council for Namibia and of the *Ad Hoc* Subcommittee on Namibia;<sup>40</sup>

7. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render all necessary assistance to the Secretary-General in carrying out the tasks assigned to him under the present resolution;

8. *Decides*, pending the entry into full operation of the comprehensive programme, that Namibians shall continue to be eligible for assistance through the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*2114th plenary meeting  
18 December 1972*

### 3031 (XXVII). Question of Namibia

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Namibia,

*Having examined* the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>41</sup>

*Having examined* the chapters 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 relating to the question of Namibia,<sup>42</sup>

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General concerning the enlargement of the United Nations Council for Namibia,<sup>43</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the courageous and manifest will of the Namibian people to achieve freedom and independence as a single unified entity,

*Having invited*, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and through it, representatives of the national liberation movement of Namibia, the South West Africa People's Organization, to participate in an observer capacity in its consideration of the Territory, and having heard the statement of the representative of the national liberation movement,<sup>44</sup>

*Having heard* the statements of the petitioners,<sup>45</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and subsequent resolutions relating to the question of Namibia, as well as the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

*Recalling further* the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21 June 1971,<sup>46</sup> delivered in response to the request addressed to it by the Security Council in its resolution 284 (1970) of 29 July 1970,

*Bearing in mind* the direct responsibilities of the United Nations with regard to the Territory of Namibia and its people,

*Deeply deploring* the continued illegal occupation of the international Territory of Namibia by South Africa, in defiance of resolution 2145 (XXI) and in flagrant violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Deeply concerned* at the efforts of South Africa to consolidate and perpetuate its occupation of the Territory by repressive means, including the extension to Namibia of its policies of *apartheid* and the further creation of so-called "homelands" against the wishes of the majority of the inhabitants,

*Deploring* the use of the Territory of Namibia by South Africa as a base for taking actions which violate the sovereignty and territorial integrity of independent African States,

*Affirming* that the basic condition for the fulfilment of the responsibility of the United Nations towards Namibia is the removal of South Africa's presence from the Territory,

*Mindful* of the obligations of all Member States under Article 25 of the Charter,

*Expressing its satisfaction* at the success of the Namibia International Conference, held under the auspices of the South West Africa People's Organization in May 1972, and commending the declaration and recommendations adopted by that Conference,<sup>47</sup>

<sup>44</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 2018th meeting.*

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, 2014th and 2018th meetings.

<sup>46</sup> *Legal Consequences for States of the Continued Presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding Security Council Resolution 276 (1970), Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1971, p. 16.*

<sup>47</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/8724)*, vol. II, appendix II.

<sup>40</sup> Established by the Security Council under resolution 283 (1970).

<sup>41</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/8724)*.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chaps. II, III and IX.

<sup>43</sup> A/8934.

*Aware* of the urgent need for the participation of Namibians in the activities of the United Nations Council for Namibia,

*Mindful also* that the direct responsibility of the United Nations for the Territory of Namibia includes the solemn obligation to protect and safeguard the rights and interests of the people of the Territory pending their exercise of self-determination and attainment of independence,

*Noting with appreciation* the recognition by a large number of States of the identity certificates and travel documents issued to Namibians by the United Nations Council for Namibia,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Namibia to self-determination and independence, as recognized in General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) and subsequent resolutions, and the legitimacy of their struggle by all means against the illegal occupation of their Territory by South Africa;

2. *Affirms* that any solution with regard to the question of Namibia must enable the people of the Territory to achieve self-determination and independence as a single territorial and political entity;

3. *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its continued refusal to terminate its illegal occupation and administration of the Territory of Namibia and to comply with the pertinent resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly;

4. *Calls once again upon* the Government of South Africa to withdraw forthwith from the international Territory of Namibia;

5. *Condemns* the Government of South Africa for its continued efforts to destroy the unity of the people and the territorial integrity of Namibia through the establishment of separate "homelands" based on racial and tribal distinctions, including the eviction, displacement and transfer of the Namibian people to other areas, and for its continued extension to Namibia of the policies of *apartheid*;

6. *Deeply deplores* any support given to South Africa by any State, and by any financial, economic and other interests operating in Namibia, which enables South Africa to pursue its repressive policies in the Territory, and calls for the termination of such support;

7. *Calls once again upon* all States:

(a) To respect strictly the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council concerning Namibia, and to take fully into account the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21 June 1971;

(b) To refrain from all direct or indirect relations, economic or otherwise, with South Africa, when it purports to represent Namibia;

(c) Not to recognize as legally valid any rights or interests in Namibian property or resources purportedly acquired from the Government of South Africa after 27 October 1966;

(d) To take effective economic and other measures designed to ensure the immediate withdrawal of the South African administration from Namibia, thereby making possible the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) and 2248 (S-V);

8. *Commends* the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia to all States and the subsidiary

organs of the General Assembly and other competent organs of the United Nations, as well as to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, for appropriate action in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to continue to discharge its functions and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and in particular:

(a) To represent Namibia in international organizations, at conferences and on any other occasion as may be required;

(b) To ensure the participation in an appropriate capacity of the representatives of the Namibian people in its activities;

(c) To continue its consultations at United Nations Headquarters, in Africa or elsewhere with the representatives of the Namibian people and the Organization of African Unity;

(d) To continue to assume responsibility for the urgent establishment of short-term and long-term co-ordinated programmes of technical and financial assistance to Namibia in the light of the relevant provisions of resolution 2248 (S-V) and taking into account resolution 2872 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971;

(e) To continue to expand the existing scheme for issuing identity certificates and travel documents to Namibians by concluding appropriate agreements with Governments of Member States;

(f) To continue to promote publicity with regard to the question of Namibia and to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of the task entrusted to him under paragraph 14 below;

(g) To undertake a study on the compliance of Member States with the relevant United Nations resolutions, taking into account the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice relating to Namibia;

(h) To examine the question of foreign economic interests operating in Namibia, and to seek effective means to regulate such activities as appropriate;

(i) To continue to examine the question of bilateral and multilateral treaties which explicitly or implicitly include Namibia, and to seek to replace South Africa as the party representing Namibia in all relevant bilateral and multilateral treaties;

10. *Requests* all States, United Nations organs and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as the non-governmental organizations concerned, to co-operate fully with the United Nations Council for Namibia in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, and in particular:

(a) To refrain from any action which may confer a semblance of legitimacy upon South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia;

(b) To render to the Namibian people, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, all moral and material assistance necessary to continue their struggle for the restoration of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to work out, in active co-operation with the United Nations Council for Namibia and the Organization of African Unity, concrete programmes of assistance to Namibia;

(c) To take effective steps to assist the Secretary-General in disseminating relevant information on this question under paragraph 14 below;

11. *Invites* the Security Council to take effective measures, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter, to secure the withdrawal by South Africa of its illegal administration from Namibia and the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council designed to enable the people of Namibia to exercise their right to self-determination;

12. *Decides* to enlarge the membership of the United Nations Council for Namibia and requests the President of the General Assembly, in the light of the relevant report of the Secretary-General,<sup>48</sup> to nominate additional members during the current session of the Assembly;

13. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2871 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 and in view of the recommendations of the United Nations Council for Namibia, to undertake the necessary consultations to nominate as soon as possible a full-time United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;<sup>49</sup>

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the United Nations Council for Namibia concerning the widespread and continuous publicity on this question, to take effective steps, including the publication of a regular bulletin on Namibia and the issue of a series of United Nations commemorative postage stamps, to publicize as widely as possible, in particular:

(a) The work of the United Nations Council for Namibia and of other organs on the question of Namibia;

<sup>48</sup> A/8934.

<sup>49</sup> For the appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia by the General Assembly, see above, p. 10.

(b) The grave situation in the Territory created by the further repressive measures taken by the South African régime against the people of Namibia in violation of the relevant decisions of the United Nations;

(c) The legitimate struggle of the people of Namibia for self-determination and independence;

(d) The need for increased moral, political and material assistance to the people of Namibia and their liberation movement;

15. *Invites* the various organs of the United Nations concerned to effect the greatest possible co-ordination of their respective activities relating to Namibia;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary assistance and facilities to the United Nations Council for Namibia and to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia for the discharge of their respective duties and functions;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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*At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, pursuant to paragraph 12 of the above resolution, confirmed the nomination by its President of BURUNDI, CHINA, LIBERIA, MEXICO, POLAND, ROMANIA and the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS as members of the United Nations Council for Namibia.*

*As a result, the Council will be composed of the following Member States: BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, EGYPT, GUYANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, LIBERIA, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAMBIA.*

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## **Other decisions**

### **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

#### **(Item 22)**

At its 2114th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1972, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>50</sup> decided to defer until its twenty-eighth session consideration of the questions of British Honduras, the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), French Somaliland and Gibraltar.

<sup>50</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/8955, para. 26.*