

United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/12578)".⁶

At its 2062nd meeting, on 7 March 1978, the Council decided to invite the representative of Kenya to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, at the request of the representatives of Gabon, Mauritius and Nigeria,⁷ to extend invitations to Mr. Robert G. Mugabe and Mr. Joshua M. Nkomo under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2063rd meeting, on 8 March 1978, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Sierra Leone and the Sudan to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, at the request of the representatives of Gabon, Mauritius and Nigeria,⁸ to extend an invitation to Canon Burgess Carr under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At its 2064th meeting, on 9 March 1978, the Council decided to invite the representative of Botswana to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2065th meeting, on 10 March 1978, the Council decided to invite the representative of Saudi Arabia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2066th meeting, on 13 March 1978, the Council decided to invite the representative of Liberia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2067th meeting, on 14 March 1978, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

⁶ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1978.*

⁷ *Ibid.*, document S/12585.

⁸ *Ibid.*, document S/12586.

Resolution 423 (1978)

of 14 March 1978

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia and in particular resolution 415 (1977) of 29 September 1977,

Reaffirming that the continued existence of the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia is a source of insecurity and instability in the region and constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

Gravely concerned over the continued military operations by the illegal régime, including its acts of aggression against neighbouring independent States,

Indignant at the continued executions of freedom fighters by the illegal régime,

Considering the need for urgent measures to terminate the illegal régime and establish a government based on majority rule,

1. *Condemns* all attempts and manœuvres by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia aimed at the retention of power by a racist minority and at preventing the achievement of independence by Zimbabwe;

2. *Declares* illegal and unacceptable any internal settlement concluded under the auspices of the illegal régime and calls upon all States not to accord any recognition to such a settlement;

3. *Further declares* that the speedy termination of the illegal régime and the replacement of its military and police forces constitute the first prerequisite for the restoration of legality in Southern Rhodesia so that arrangements may be made for a peaceful and democratic transition to genuine majority rule and independence in 1978;

4. *Declares also* that such arrangements as envisaged in paragraph 3 of the present resolution include the holding of free and fair elections on the basis of universal adult suffrage under United Nations supervision;

5. *Calls upon* the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take all measures necessary to bring to an end the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia and to effect the genuine decolonization of the Territory in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other United Nations resolutions;

6. *Considers* that, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, should enter into immediate consultations with the parties concerned in order to attain the objectives of genuine decolonization of the Territory through the implementation of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report, not later than 15 April 1978, on the results of the implementation of the present resolution.

Adopted at the 2067th meeting by 10 votes to none, with 5 abstentions (Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America).