

total of 1,395 electoral personnel will now be required to supervise the voting in more than 350 polling stations throughout the Territory.

"I also informed the Council that after carefully examining this recommendation, I came to the conclusion that I had no alternative but to accept it, in order to ensure that the United Nations Transition Assistance Group would be capable of effective supervision and control of the elections. In this connection, I added that after the completion of related preparatory work of a technical nature, I would revert to the Council on this matter.

"I wish now to confirm that I am undertaking urgent consultations on this matter, including notification to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the cost implications, following which I propose to dispatch the additional 353 personnel to Namibia starting in mid-October. These election supervisors will be engaged for a period of one month at an estimated total cost of approximately \$3 million which, in accordance with paragraph 57 of my report of 23 January, will be considered as expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

"I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council."

In a letter dated 17 October 1989,²⁸ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 10 October 1989 concerning the increase in the number of electoral supervisors for the forthcoming elections in Namibia²⁷ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They have considered the matter and agreed to the proposal in your letter.

"The members of the Security Council expressed their concern that expenditures for the United Nations Transition Assistance Group should continue to be carefully monitored during this period of increasing demands on peace-keeping resources."

At its 2886th meeting, on 31 October 1989, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Namibia: letter dated 18 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/20908)".²⁹

Resolution 643 (1989)

of 31 October 1989

The Security Council,

Reaffirming all its relevant resolutions on the question of Namibia, in particular resolutions 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989, 632

²⁸ S/20906.

²⁹ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1989.*

(1989) of 16 February 1989 and 640 (1989) of 29 August 1989,

Reaffirming also that the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, contained in resolution 435 (1978), remains the only internationally accepted basis for the peaceful settlement of the Namibia question,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 6 October 1989 and the addendum thereto of 16 October 1989,³⁰

Noting with deep concern that, one week before the scheduled elections in Namibia, all the provisions of resolution 435 (1978) are not being fully complied with,

Noting the progress made so far in the implementation of the settlement plan and the remaining obstacles placed in its way as well as the efforts being exerted by the United Nations Transition Assistance Group to carry out its responsibilities,

Reaffirming the continuing legal responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia until the full attainment by the Namibian people of national independence,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General and the addendum thereto;

2. *Expresses its full support* for the Secretary-General in his efforts to ensure that resolution 435 (1978) is fully implemented in its original and definitive form;

3. *Expresses its firm determination* to implement resolution 435 (1978) in its original and definitive form in order to ensure holding of free and fair elections in Namibia under the supervision and control of the United Nations;

4. *Reaffirms* its commitment in carrying out the continuing legal responsibility over Namibia until its independence to ensure the unfettered and effective exercise by the people of Namibia of their inalienable rights to self-determination and genuine national independence in accordance with resolutions 435 (1978) and 640 (1989);

5. *Demands* immediate, full and strict compliance by all parties concerned, in particular South Africa, with the terms of resolutions 435 (1978), 632 (1989) and 640 (1989);

6. *Reiterates* its demand for the complete disbandment of all remaining paramilitary and ethnic forces and commando units, in particular the Koevoet and the South-West Africa Territorial Force as well as the complete dismantling of their command structures, and other defence-related institutions as required by resolutions 435 (1978) and 640 (1989);

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to ensure the immediate replacement of the remaining South African Defence Force personnel in accordance with resolution 435 (1978);

8. *Demands* the immediate repeal of such remaining restrictive and discriminatory laws and regulations as inhibit the holding of free and fair elections and that no such new laws be introduced and endorses the position of the Secretary-General as expressed in his report that Proclamation AG 8 should be repealed;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to keep under constant review the adequacy of the number of police

³⁰ *Ibid.*, documents S/20883 and Add.1.

monitors in order to undertake the process for any appropriate increase that he may deem necessary for the effective fulfilment of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group's responsibilities:

10. *Demands* that the South-West Africa Police extend full co-operation to the Group civil police in carrying out the tasks entrusted to it under the settlement plan;

11. *Mandates* the Secretary-General to ensure that all necessary arrangements are made in accordance with the settlement plan to safeguard the territorial integrity and security of Namibia in order to ensure a peaceful transition to national independence, and to assist the Constituent Assembly in the discharge of responsibilities entrusted to it under the settlement plan;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare appropriate plans for mobilizing all forms of assistance, including technical, material and financial resources, for the people of Namibia during the period following the elections for the Constituent Assembly until the accession to independence;

13. *Urgently appeals* to Member States, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend, in co-ordination with the Secretary-General, generous financial, material and technical support to the Namibian people, both during the transitional period and after independence;

14. *Decides* that, if the pertinent provisions of the present resolution are not complied with, the Security Council shall convene as required before the elections to review the situation and consider appropriate action;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution as soon as possible;

16. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

*Adopted unanimously at the
2886th meeting.*

Decisions

On 3 November 1989, following consultations, the President of the Council issued the following statement on behalf of the Council:³¹

"The Security Council deplores the false alarm by South Africa on 1 November 1989 concerning the alleged movement of forces of the South West Africa People's Organization across the Angola-Namibia border.

"The Council expresses its profound concern about this incident as well as the potential implications for the elections of the initial South African reaction to it. It, therefore, calls upon South Africa to desist from any such further actions.

"The Council strongly commends the prompt action taken by the United Nations Transition Assistance Group to clarify the situation and to establish that such allegations were unfounded.

"The Council calls upon all parties to honour their commitments in accordance with the settlement plan.

³¹ S/20946.

"The Council reiterates its full support for the Secretary-General and his Special Representative as well as its firm commitment to ensure the full implementation of resolution 435 (1978) in its original and definitive form."

At its 2893rd meeting, on 20 November 1989, the Council discussed the item entitled "The situation in Namibia: further report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) concerning the question of Namibia (S/20967)".³²

At the same meeting, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:³²

"The members of the Security Council welcome with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the elections in Namibia, certified by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General as free and fair,³³ thus paving the way for the convening of the Constituent Assembly and the early independence of Namibia at a date to be determined by the Constituent Assembly.

"The members of the Council congratulate the people of Namibia for the successful exercise of their democratic rights and look forward to the early independence of Namibia. They are deeply appreciative of the efforts of the Secretary-General, his Special Representative and the United Nations Transition Assistance Group for the role they have played, which attests to the effectiveness and credibility of the United Nations.

"The members of the Council reaffirm the continuing important role of the United Nations in the transition period in ensuring the implementation of the settlement plan on the basis of its legal responsibility over Namibia until independence, so that the Constituent Assembly, reflecting the collective will of the people, can draw up and adopt, in accordance with the settlement plan and free from any interference, a Constitution that will accord sovereignty to Namibia. In this regard, they express support to the Secretary-General in his continuing efforts to ensure the full implementation of the settlement plan and request him to make the necessary arrangements under the settlement plan to safeguard the territorial integrity and security of Namibia. They also stress the importance of full compliance with all the remaining provisions of resolution 435 (1978) in its original and definitive form. The members of the Council express the hope that, in the transition period, the utmost political responsibility will be displayed to facilitate the earliest possible accession of Namibia to independence.

"The members of the Council call upon the Constituent Assembly to carry out its responsibility expeditiously and request the Secretary-General to provide it with all necessary assistance."

³² S/20974.

³³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1989*, document S/20967, para. 5.