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TREATMENT OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its
315th plenary meeting on 2 December 1950

(adopted on the report of the Ad Hoc Political Committee (A/1548))

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44 (I) and 265 (III) relating to the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa,

Having considered the communication by the Permanent Representative of India to the Secretary-General dated 10 July 1950,

Having in mind its resolution 103 (I) of 19 November 1946 against racial persecution and discrimination, and its resolution 217 (III) dated 10 December 1948 relating to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Considering that a policy of "racial segregation" (Apartheid) is necessarily based on doctrines of racial discrimination,

1. Recommends that the Governments of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa proceed, in accordance with resolution 265 (III), with the holding of a round table conference on the basis of their agreed agenda and bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. Recommends that, in the event of failure of the Governments concerned to hold a round table conference before 1 April 1951 or to reach agreement in the round table conference within a reasonable time, there shall be established for the purpose of assisting the parties in carrying through appropriate negotiations a commission of three members, one member to be nominated by the Government of the Union of South Africa, another to be nominated by the Governments of India and Pakistan and the third to be nominated by the other two members or, in default of agreement between these two, in a reasonable time by the Secretary-General;

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3. Calls upon the Governments concerned to refrain from taking any steps which would prejudice the success of their negotiations, in particular, the implementation or enforcement of the provisions of "The Group Areas Act", pending the conclusion of such negotiations;

4. Decides to include this item in the agenda of the next regular session of the General Assembly.
