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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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In addition to the text of resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its eighth emergency special session, the present volume contains a check list of those resolutions and decisions (see annex).

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I. AGENDA¹

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Credentials of representatives to the eighth emergency special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. Question of Namibia.

¹ See also sect. III.B, decision ES-8/21.

II. RESOLUTIONS²

ES-8/1. Credentials of representatives to the eighth emergency special session of the General Assembly

A

The General Assembly

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.³

*2nd plenary meeting
4 September 1981*

B

The General Assembly

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.⁴

*11th plenary meeting
11 September 1981*

ES-8/2. Question of Namibia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Namibia at an emergency special session,

Declaring that the illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa together with the repeated acts of aggression committed by South Africa against neighbouring States constitute a breach of international peace and security,

Noting with regret and concern that the Security Council failed to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security when draft resolutions proposing comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations were vetoed by the three Western permanent members of the Council on 30 April 1981,⁵

Noting further with grave concern that the Security Council failed on 31 August 1981,⁶ on account of the veto of the United States of America, to exercise its responsibilities in the face of unprovoked massive armed aggression against Angola,

Taking note of the memorandum of the United Nations Council for Namibia dated 2 September 1981,⁷

² Resolutions adopted without reference to a Main Committee, the General Assembly having convened in plenary meeting only in accordance with rule 63 of its rules of procedure.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Emergency Special Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/ES-8/6.

⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/ES-8/6/Add.1.

⁵ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-sixth Year*, 2277th meeting.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 2300th meeting.

⁷ A/ES-8/3, annex.

Having heard the statement by the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia,⁸ the legal Administering Authority of the Territory until genuine independence is achieved,

Having heard the statement by the Secretary for Foreign Relations of the South West Africa People's Organization,⁹ the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people,

Having heard the statements by African Ministers and by Ministers of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Namibia to self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, as well as the subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council;

2. *Reaffirms* that Namibia is the legal responsibility of the United Nations until genuine self-determination and national independence are achieved in terms of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967;

3. *Reaffirms* its support for the South West Africa People's Organization, the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people, and for its armed struggle to achieve self-determination, freedom and national independence;

4. *Strongly condemns* South Africa for its continued illegal occupation of Namibia and its persistent refusal to comply with the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, thus violating the principles of the Charter and defying the authority of the United Nations;

5. *Condemns* South Africa for its increased oppression of the Namibian people, for the massive militarization of Namibia and for its armed attacks against neighbouring States, particularly Angola;

6. *Calls upon* Member States, specialized agencies and other international organizations to render increased and sustained support and material, financial, military and other assistance to the South West Africa People's Organization to enable it to intensify its struggle for the liberation of Namibia;

7. *Calls upon* the international community to extend, as a matter of urgency, all support and assistance, including military assistance, to the front-line States in order to enable them to defend their sovereignty and territorial integrity against the renewed acts of aggression by South Africa;

8. *Strongly condemns* the exploitation and plunder of the natural resources of Namibia by South Africa and

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Emergency Special Session, Plenary Meetings*, 3rd meeting, paras. 33-48.

⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 68-117.

Western transnational corporations, in violation of Decree No. 1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia, enacted by the United Nations Council for Namibia on 27 September 1974;¹⁰

9. *Reaffirms* that Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, in which the Council endorsed the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, is the only basis for a peaceful settlement;

10. *Firmly rejects* the latest manoeuvres by certain members of the Western contact group aimed at undermining the international consensus embodied in Security Council resolution 435 (1978) and depriving the oppressed Namibian people of their hard-won victories in the struggle for national liberation;

11. *Demands* the immediate commencement of the unconditional implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) without any prevarication, qualification or modification and not later than December 1981;

12. *Strongly urges* the Security Council, in the light of the serious threat to international peace and security posed by South Africa, to respond positively to the overwhelming demand of the international community by immediately imposing against that country comprehensive mandatory sanctions as provided for in Chapter VII of the Charter;

13. *Calls upon* all States, in view of the threat to international peace and security posed by South Africa, to impose against that country comprehensive mandatory sanctions in accordance with the provisions of the Charter;

14. *Also strongly urges* States to cease forthwith, individually and collectively, all dealings with South Africa in order totally to isolate it politically, economically, militarily and culturally;

15. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to monitor the boycott of South Africa and to bring instances of contacts between Member States and South Africa to the attention of the General Assembly as necessary;

16. *Requests* the United Nations Council for Namibia to study the modalities for monitoring this boycott of South Africa and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the arrangements which may be required;

17. *Requests* all States to report to the Secretary-General on measures taken by them to implement the relevant provisions of the present resolution;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly as appropriate, but not later than 31 December 1981, on the implementation of the present resolution.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/35/24), vol. I, annex II.

12th plenary meeting
14 September 1981

III. DECISIONS

A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

ES-8/11. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 3 September 1981, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the eighth emergency special session, appointed in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, would have the same composition as that for the thirty-fifth session.

As a result, the Committee was composed of the following Member States: ANGOLA, CHINA, COSTA RICA, HAITI, KENYA, SINGAPORE, SPAIN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

ES-8/21. Adoption of the agenda

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 4 September 1981, the General Assembly adopted the agenda for its eighth emergency special session.¹¹

¹¹ A/ES-8/10; see sect. I.



ANNEX

CHECK LIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

This check list includes all the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its eighth emergency special session.

RESOLUTIONS

<i>Resolution number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Plenary meeting</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Voting result</i>	<i>Page</i>
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	Resolution B	3 (b)	11th	11 September 1981		3
ES-8/2	Question of Namibia	5	12th	14 September 1981	117-0-25*	3

DECISIONS

<i>Decision number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Plenary meeting</i>	<i>Date of adoption</i>	<i>Voting result</i>	<i>Page</i>
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B. Other decisions						
ES-8/21	Adoption of the agenda	4	2nd	4 September 1981		5

* Recorded vote.

