

FOURTH COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF PROPOSALS RELATING TO SOUTH WEST AFRICA

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Amendments to Danish Text

Danish Resolution (A/C.4/100)

Amendments to Indian Text

Indian Resolution (A/C.4/99)

1. WHEREAS in its Resolution dated 9 February 1946, the General Assembly invited all States administering territories then held under mandate to submit Trusteeship agreements for approval;

2. WHEREAS in its Resolution dated 14 December 1946, the General Assembly recommended for reasons given therein that the mandated territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System and invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose for the consideration of the General Assembly a Trusteeship agreement for the aforesaid territory;

3. WHEREAS the Government of the Union of South Africa have twice failed to carry out the aforesaid recommendations of the United Nations;

1. REFERRING to the Resolution of the General Assembly of 9 February 1946 inviting the placing of mandated territories under trusteeship, and to the Resolution of the General Assembly of 14 December 1946 stating that the Assembly is unable to accede to the incorporation of the territory of South West Africa in the Union of South Africa, recommending that this mandated territory be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and inviting the Government of the Union to propose for the consideration of the General Assembly a Trusteeship agreement for the aforesaid territory;

Cuban amendment (A/C.4/112):
For words underlined read
"not yet carried".

Indian Resolution (A/C.4/99)

4. WHEREAS all other States responsible for the administration of territories previously held under mandate have without exception either placed such territories under the International Trusteeship System, or offered them independence;

5. WHEREAS the territory of South West Africa, though not self-governing, is at present outside the control and supervision of the United Nations;

Philippine amendment (A/C.4/115) proposes:
"WHEREAS the territory of South West Africa is at present being administered by the Union solely under the authority of its mandate from the defunct League of Nations without regard to the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter;"

Amendments to Indian Text

Danish Resolution (A/C.4/100)

2. RECALLING that all other States administering territories previously held under mandate have placed these territories under the Trusteeship System or offered them independence;

Amendments to Danish Text

Belgian amendment (A/C.4/116) proposes deletion of paragraph 2.

3. NOTING that the Government of the Union of South Africa in a letter of 23 July 1947 informed the United Nations that they have decided not to proceed with the incorporation of South West Africa in the Union but to maintain the status quo and to continue to administer the territory in the spirit of the existing mandate, and that the Union Government have undertaken to submit reports on their administration for the information of the United Nations;

Indian Resolution (A/C.4/99)

6. WHEREAS it is the clear intention of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations that all territories previously held under mandate, if not granted independence, shall be brought under the International Trusteeship System;

7. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (while taking note of the announced intention of the Government of the Union of South Africa not to proceed with the incorporation), expresses its disapproval of the failure of that Government to carry out its recommendations and strongly urges it to propose for the consideration of the next Session of the General Assembly a Trusteeship agreement for the territory of South West Africa.

Amendments to Indian Text

Polish amendment (A/C.4/103):
For words underlined read
"until granted self-government or independence"

Polish amendment (A/C.4/103)
proposes deletion of words in brackets.

Panama amendment (A/C.4/113)
proposes deletion of underlined words.

Cuban amendment (A/C.4/112)
proposes redrafting of paragraph 7 to read as follows:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TAKES NOTE of the decision of the Government of the Union of South Africa not to proceed with the incorporation of the mandated territory of South West Africa.

TAKES NOTE of the failure of that Government to carry out its recommendations, by not submitting a Trusteeship

Danish Resolution (A/C.4/100)

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THEREFORE

4. TAKES NOTE of the decision of the Union of South Africa not to proceed with the incorporation of South West Africa,

5. MAINTAINS its recommendation that South West Africa be placed under the Trusteeship System,

6. EXPRESSES its regret that the Union has not yet submitted a Trusteeship agreement for South West Africa and its hope that the Union will soon comply with the aforesaid recommendation, and

Belgian amendment (A/C.4/116)
substitutes for paragraph 5 of the Danish text:

MAINTAINS its Resolutions of 9 February and 14 December 1946.

Belgian amendment (A/C.4/116)
proposes deletion of paragraph 6.

Peruvian amendment (A/C.4/114)
substitutes the following paragraph for paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the Danish text.

RECOMMENDS that the Union of South Africa, inspired by the principles of international morality and her undoubted

agreement for that territory.

MAINTAINS its recommendation that the territory of South West Africa be placed under the Trusteeship System and urges the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose for the consideration of the next regular Session of the General Assembly a Trusteeship agreement for the territory of South West Africa.

Philippine amendment (A/C.4/115): Add: the following at end:

PENDING the approval of such Trusteeship agreement, the Union is urged to comply with the obligations it has assumed as a sacred trust under Chapter XI of the Charter with respect to the people of South West Africa.

desire to collaborate in strengthening the international structure of the United Nations, shall submit at an early date, a Trusteeship agreement for the territory of South West Africa, in accordance with the General Assembly's Resolution of 14 December 1946.

7. REQUESTS the Fourth Committee in the meantime to constitute a special committee composed of a representative of each State member of the Trusteeship Council, a representative of the Union of South Africa, and a representative of one other member State designated by the Fourth Committee, to examine the report on South West Africa now submitted by the Union Government, and to submit its observations thereon to the General Assembly as it may deem desirable.

Danish amendment (A/C.4/117) substitutes the following paragraph for paragraph 7 of the original text.

AUTHORIZES the Trusteeship Council in the meantime to examine the report on South West Africa now submitted by the Union Government and to submit its observations thereon to the General Assembly.