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QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Liberia: draft resolution

Conditions in the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the fourth report submitted to it, in accordance with resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, by the Committee on South West Africa,^{1/}

1. Expresses its appreciation of the work of the Committee on South West Africa;
2. Takes note of the report of the Committee concerning conditions in the Territory;^{2/}
3. Notes with concern that, in the opinion of the Committee, there has been a continued trend in the administration of the Territory toward the deliberate subordination and relegation of the vast majority of the population to an inferior status, through the application of such measures as the forced alienation of their land and arbitrary controls over their residence, movement, employment and ownership of livestock, while depriving them of opportunities of education and of minimum political rights, and giving them no opportunity to take part in the various branches of government in the Territory;
4. Notes also with concern that, in the opinion of the Committee, conditions in the Territory and the trend of the administration represent a

^{1/} A/3626.

^{2/} Ibid, annex I.

situation contrary to the Mandates System, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice and the resolutions of the General Assembly;

5. Reaffirms that the Government of the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa;

6. Endorses the conclusion of the Committee that the programme of apartheid, or racial separation, on which the administration of the Territory is based cannot be reconciled with the obligation solemnly undertaken by the Government of the Union of South Africa to promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and the social progress of the inhabitants of the Mandated Territory;

7. Approves and endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee as to the action which should be taken by the Government of the Union of South Africa, as the Mandatory Power, to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities under the Mandate;

8. Calls upon the Mandatory Power to give its urgent attention to these conclusions and recommendations and in particular those relating to:

(a) the obligation to transfer responsibility progressively to fully representative institutions proper to the Territory;

(b) the obligation to repeal all racially discriminatory legislation and practices in the Territory and to revise existing policies and practices of "Native" administration;

(c) the urgent need to introduce a planned programme of economic development designed primarily to assist and equip the indigenous inhabitants to play a wider and fuller part in the economy of the Territory;

(d) the obligation to cease the alienation, solely for the benefit of the "European" settler community, of land inhabited by "Non-Europeans" and to take immediate steps to ensure that the "Non-European" majority are not deprived of the land necessary for their present and future needs according to the criteria defined by the Committee;

(e) the obligation to revise the labour legislation applied in the Territory;

(f) the obligation to improve and expand educational facilities for indigenous children and to establish a programme for the racial unification of the educational system in the Territory;

9. Requests the Government of the Union of South Africa to submit to the United Nations information concerning its consideration of these conclusions and recommendations and the action taken by it in each case in order to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities under the Mandate.
