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QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA: REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Question of the Admissibility of Oral Hearings

Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico: Draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having been requested by the Committee on South West Africa to decide whether or not the oral hearing of petitioners on matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa is admissible before that Committee,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 in which the Court states inter alia that "the degree of supervision to be exercised by the General Assembly should not ... exceed that which applied under the Mandates System, and should conform as far as possible to the procedure followed in this respect by the Council of the League of Nations",

Having instructed the Committee on South West Africa, in resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions "as far as possible in accordance with the procedure of the former Mandates System",

Requests the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on the following question:

"Is it consistent with the advisory opinion of the International Court of 11 July 1950 for the Committee on South West Africa, established by General Assembly Resolution 749A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to grant oral hearings to petitioners on matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa?"