



Fifteenth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FIFTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
ITEM PROPOSED BY AFGHANISTAN, BRAZIL, BURMA, CAMBODIA, CEYLON, CUBA,
DENMARK, ETHIOPIA, FEDERATION OF MALAYA, GHANA, GUINEA, HAITI, INDIA,
INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, IRELAND, JAPAN, JORDAN, LAOS, LEBANON, LIBERIA,
LIBYA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI
ARABIA, SUDAN, SWEDEN, THAILAND, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, URUGUAY,
VENEZUELA, YEMEN AND YUGOSLAVIA

THE QUESTION OF RACE CONFLICT IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING
FROM THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 21 July 1960 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Cuba, Denmark, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen and Yugoslavia, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 21 July 1960

1. We have the honour to propose, under instructions from our respective Governments, the inclusion of the following item in the agenda of the fifteenth session of the General Assembly:

"The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa."

2. An explanatory memorandum relating to the above item in terms of rule 20 of the rules of procedure is attached.

Signed:

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its fourteenth session the General Assembly considered for the eighth year in succession the question of race conflict in the Union of South Africa arising from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa. It adopted by an overwhelming majority resolution 1375 (XIV) the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"1. Expresses its opposition to the continuance or preservation of racial discrimination in any part of the world;

"2. Solemnly calls upon all Member States to bring their policies into conformity with their obligation under the Charter of the United Nations to promote the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"3. Expresses its deep regret and concern that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to appeals of the General Assembly that it reconsider governmental policies which impair the right of all racial groups to enjoy the same fundamental rights and freedoms;

"4. Appeals to all Member States to use their best endeavours as appropriate to achieve the purposes of the present resolution.

2. The adoption of this resolution and the solemn appeal made by the General Assembly have failed to bring about any reconsideration of the racial policies of the Government of the Union of South Africa. On the contrary, additional discriminatory measures have been put into effect and the system of apartheid has been intensified and extended. The progressive imposition of apartheid measures has led to mounting tension and bitterness between the various racial groups in the Union and has culminated in acts of violent repression directed against the rights and interests of the overwhelming majority of the Union's population. At a time when large areas of Africa are rapidly emerging into independent nationhood, the racial policies of the Government of the Union of South Africa amounting to a mass denial of human rights constitute a continuing violation of the Charter.

3. In these circumstances we are convinced that it is the responsibility of the General Assembly, and would also undoubtedly be its wish, to address itself once again to this question, with a view to making appropriate recommendations designed to secure adherence to the provisions of the Charter as well as to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
