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REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ITEM PROPOSED BY
CEYLON, FEDERATION OF MALAYA, GHANA, GREECE, HAITI, INDIA,
INDONESIA, IRAN, IRELAND, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND URUGUAY

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 13 August 1958 addressed to the Secretary-General by
the Permanent Representatives of Ceylon, Federation of Malaya, Ghana,
Greece, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, United Arab Republic
and Uruguay to the United Nations

New York, 13 August 1958

We have the honour to propose, under instructions from our respective
Governments, the inclusion of the following item in the supplementary list of
items for the agenda of the thirteenth regular 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."

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

For the sixth successive year, the General Assembly at its twelfth session considered the question of race conflict in the Union of South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa and on 26 November 1957 adopted resolution 1178 (XII), the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

- "1. Deplores that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to the call and invitation conveyed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 1016 (XI) of 30 January 1957;
- "2. Again draws the attention of the Government of the Union of South Africa to that resolution and, in particular, to paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof;
- "3. Appeals to the Government of the Union of South Africa, in the interests of the common observance by Member States of the high purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, to which the Government of the Union of South Africa has also subscribed and is as much committed as any other Member, to revise its policy in the light of those purposes and principles and of world opinion and to inform the Secretary-General of its response."

There is no indication yet that the Government of the Union of South Africa has taken any steps in response to the appeal contained in the aforementioned resolution. On the contrary, the situation which for so many years, in the light of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, and more particularly Articles 1, 55 (c) and 56 of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, has caused concern to the General Assembly and has been the subject of several resolutions, continues unameliorated. Thus a grave threat to peaceful relations between ethnic groups of the world, to which attention has been drawn by successive resolutions of the General Assembly continues.

In the circumstances, it will undoubtedly be the wish of the General Assembly to address itself again to the question of race conflict in the Union of South Africa with a view to take appropriate steps in the light of the prevailing situation and so as to secure adherence to the provisions of the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
