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QUESTION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Report of the Fourth Committee

Addendum

Rapporteur: Mr. Arieh EILAN (Israel)

1. At the 765th meeting of the Fourth Committee, on 20 October 1958, after the conclusion of the general debate on the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa,^{1/} sub-item (a) of item 39 on the agenda of the General Assembly and sub-item (a) of item 1 on the agenda of the Fourth Committee, the representative of Liberia orally proposed that a verbatim record of that debate should be prepared. The question of the form of reproduction and distribution of the record of this debate was subsequently considered by the Committee at the 767th, 770th, 773rd and 777th meetings, on 21, 23, 27 and 29 October.

2. At the 777th meeting, subsequent to the adoption by the Committee, at its 773rd meeting, of a report to the General Assembly on sub-items (a), (b), and (c) of item 39,^{2/} the Committee considered a draft resolution jointly submitted by Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, India, Liberia and Sudan (A/C.4/L.540 and Add.1), whereby the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to have the verbatim record of the debate on the report of the Good Offices Committee printed for circulation.

3. The representative of Canada orally proposed that the words "printed for circulation" be replaced by the words "made available to the Good Offices Committee".

^{1/} A/3900.

^{2/} A/3959.

4. The sponsors of the joint draft resolution, accepting a suggestion by the representative of Greece, orally revised the joint draft resolution to provide that the verbatim record be "mimeographed and circulated" rather than "printed for circulation".

5. The joint draft resolution, as orally revised, and the Canadian oral amendment were voted on as follows:

The Canadian oral amendment was rejected by 20 votes in favour to 35 against, with 12 abstentions.

The joint draft resolution, as orally revised, was approved by a roll-call vote of 30 to 17, with 21 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Liberia, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Albania, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Federation of Malaya, Hungary, Japan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

6. The text of the draft resolution is annexed to the present report.

Draft Resolution

VERBATIM RECORD OF THE DEBATE ON THE REPORT OF THE
GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE ON SOUTH WEST AFRICA

The General Assembly,

Having invited the Good Offices Committee to renew discussions with the Government of the Union of South Africa to find a basis for an agreement which would continue to accord to the Mandated Territory of South West Africa as a whole an international status, and which would be in conformity with the principles and purposes of the United Nations,^{1/}

Having requested the Good Offices Committee in the conduct of its work to bear fully in mind the discussions held at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,^{1/}

Keeping in view the vital importance of the question of South West Africa,

Believing that a verbatim record of the discussions concerning the "Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa" will permit a proper understanding of the position of the United Nations on this question and will also facilitate the implementation of resolution 1243 (XIII), adopted by the General Assembly on 30 October 1958,

Requests the Secretary-General to have the verbatim record referred to above mimeographed and circulated.

^{1/} General Assembly resolution 1243 (XIII).