THE QUESTION OF RACE CONFLICT IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING FROM THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA⁴⁰

In the course of its meetings in Africa,41 the Security Council adopted the following resolution relating to this question.

Resolution 311 (1972) of 4 February 1972

The Security Council,

Noting with grave concern the aggravation of the situation in South Africa resulting from the continued intensification and expansion of the policies of apartheid and repression by the Government of South

Having heard the statements of those individuals invited to address the Council on this question,

Taking note of the statement of the representative of the Special Committee on Apartheid,42

Deploring the persistent refusal of the Government of South Africa to implement the resolutions adopted by the Security Council in order to promote a peaceful solution in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Gravely concerned that the situation in South Africa seriously disturbs international peace and security in

Noting the continued military build-up and strengthening of its military capability by the Government of South Africa,

Convinced that urgent measures must be taken by the Security Council to secure implementation of its resolutions and thereby promote a solution to the grave situation in South Africa and southern Africa,

- 1. Condemns the Government of South Africa for continuing its policies of apartheid in violation of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations;
- 2. Reiterates its total opposition to the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa;
- 3. Recognizes the legitimacy of the struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa in pursuance of their human and political rights, as set forth in the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- 4. Urgently calls upon the Government of South Africa to release all persons imprisonned, interned or subjected to other restrictions as a result of the policies of apartheid;
- 5. Calls upon all States to observe strictly the arms embargo against South Africa;
- 6. Urges Governments and individuals to contribute generously and regularly to the United Nations funds which are used for humanitarian and training purposes to assist the victims of apartheid;
- 7. Commends the inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals for assisting in the education and training of South Africans and urges those who do not to begin and those who do to expand their efforts in this field;
- 8. Decides, as a matter of urgency, to examine methods of resolving the present situation arising out out of the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa.

Adopted at the 1639th meeting by 14 votes to none, with 1 abstention (France).

QUESTION CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION43

In the course of its meetings in Africa,44 the Security Council adopted the following resolution relating to this question.

 43 Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1963. 44 See above, pages 2 and 3.

Resolution 312 (1972) of 4 February 1972

The Security Council,

Having reviewed the situation in the African territories under Portuguese administration,

⁴⁰ Resolutions or decisions on this question were also adopted by the Council in 1963, 1964 and 1970.

⁴¹ See above, pages 2 and 3.
42 See Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, 1628th meeting.