

South Africa to cooperate with the United Nations. We are profoundly regretful that the Government of South Africa has, and I quote persistently and deliberately failed to fulfil its international obligations in the administration of the mandated territory of Southwest Africa unquote.

The resolution properly reaffirms the right of the people of Southwest Africa to self-determination and independence. We support a further invitation to the Government of South Africa to establish a United Nations presence in the territory of Southwest Africa. We also support operative paragraphs 7(A) and 7(C) of the resolution.

However, Mr. Chairman, while my delegation agrees with the basic aims of this resolution, some of its operative paragraphs contain judgements and call for action by the Assembly which my Government is unable to support.

The greatest source of difficulty for us is operative paragraph 7(B). During the discussion of apartheid in the Special Political Committee the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs pointed out that the division of responsibilities between the Security Council and the General Assembly had been carefully considered at San Francisco and that the balance set forth in the Charter was only achieved after exhaustive negotiations. The imposition of sanctions in specific circumstances was allocated by the Charter to the Security Council and in our judgement it would be wrong for the Assembly to attempt to usurp the Council's primary responsibility. It is possible to foresee in the development of the Southwest Africa situation a time when drastic action of the kind envisaged may be required, which all members should support. In our view such action by the United Nations, acting through the Security Council, should await the outcome of the present proceedings before the International Court and the South African Government's reaction to the Court's findings. For this reason we cannot agree to operative paragraph 7(B).