

occupation of Namibia by South Africa illegal and has implemented those General Assembly resolutions on Namibia which Canada considers to be realistically aimed at solving the problem through negotiation and without violence.

During UNGA XXXII, Canada as a Western member of the Security Council was involved in negotiations on Namibia which were taking place outside the UN. The following explanation of vote was made by Ambassador Barton, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, on behalf of the five Western members of the Security Council:

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On behalf of the governments of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States as well as Canada, I would like to describe for the General Assembly our joint views on the situation in Namibia and the efforts of our five governments this year to help bring about the independence of Namibia.

Our governments have over the years become more and more concerned over the continuation of the illegal situation in Namibia and the plight of the Namibian population, subjected as it has been and still is to the daily oppression of a racially discriminatory system based on the policies of apartheid. We have been concerned that every attempt at devising means to put an end to this long stalemate has failed and that every call for an early and peaceful solution has previously gone unheeded.

As members of the Security Council, our five governments are fully conscious of the necessity to achieve the implementation of Security Council Resolution 385 and thus to contribute to the development of a just and permanent solution to the Namibian question.

That Resolution, which is but the culmination of a long series of efforts by the Security Council to bring about a settlement to the issue, constitutes a comprehensive plan of action to achieve in an orderly fashion full independence for Namibia. It follows that to be consistent with that Resolution, any proposed solution must provide for free elections, under the supervision and control of the U.N., for the whole of Namibia as one political entity, and open to the genuine participation of all Namibians including those now being detained or in exile. Conditions must be created that will guarantee that such a political process is realized and the cooperation of all concerned must be secured. The basic objectives of the Security Council and indeed of the international community as a whole must be translated into concrete measures which will be faithfully implemented.