

Text of the Eleven-Power Resolution

The General Assembly,

Having recommended by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, and 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952 that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System and repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a Trusteeship Agreement for South West Africa;

Having accepted by resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950 the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice concerning South West Africa, inter alia, to the effect that:

(a) While "the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter do not impose on the Union of South Africa a legal obligation to place the Territory under the Trusteeship System", they are applicable "to the Territory of South West Africa in the sense that they provide a means by which the Territory may be brought under the Trusteeship System";

(b) "The Union of South Africa acting alone has not the competence to modify the international status of the Territory of South West Africa, and that the competence to determine and modify the international status of the Territory rests with the Union of South Africa acting with the consent of the United Nations";

Considering that in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter all mandated territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the Trusteeship System with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. Reiterates its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, and 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. Reasserts that the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory would be to place it under the Trusteeship System by means of a Trusteeship Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter.

13. Authorizes the Committee to continue negotiations with the Union of South Africa in order to implement fully the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice regarding the question of South West Africa;

14. Requests the Committee to submit reports on its activities to the General Assembly.

