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ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA  
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Once again, Mr. Chairman, the question of Southwest Africa has come up for consideration of the United Nations General Assembly. This Committee has before it the report of the United Nations Special Committee for Southwest Africa as well as the report of the Committee of Seventeen which carries under Chapter IX a review of the question of Southwest Africa. The first of these two reports, which has been endorsed by the Committee of Seventeen, states among other things that "the situation in the mandated territory has continued to be dominated by the policy of apartheid which has been intensified and made more systematic in recent years". The same report points out that this policy continues to be "buttressed by a system of regulations on the freedom of movement of Africans which is usually referred to as the pass laws". Furthermore, the Africans remain without vote or representation either in the territorial Legislative Assembly or in the South African House of Assembly; this although the African population is nearly six times as large as the European population in the territory.

South Africa's elevation of racial discrimination into a political, social and philosophical system is completely unacceptable to the people of my country. My Government regards the policy of apartheid as being incompatible with the terms of the League of Nations mandate, the United Nations Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights. We also view this policy as prejudicial to the maintenance of peaceful and orderly administration in the territory. We therefore deem it a matter of legitimate concern to the United Nations that the Government of South Africa is continuing to conduct