

10. We hope and believe that the changes brought about by the new constitution for Southern Rhodesia, linked with a widening of the franchise, will be bound in time to lead to an African majority. The new constitution has incorporated within it a Declaration of Fundamental Rights for every person in Southern Rhodesia based on the principle of racial equality and enforceable by the Courts. I understand that this Declaration is similar to those incorporated in the constitutions of Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

11. While some members of this Assembly obviously feel that the Southern Rhodesian Government is moving too slowly in granting political rights to the African population, it must be conceded that it is at least moving in the right direction. If Southern Rhodesia is able to establish a truly multi-racial society its example could be of the greatest value in solving the remaining colonial problems in Africa with which the United Nations is concerned. Its progress toward this goal could be materially assisted by cooperation and understanding within the United Nations.

12. It is proper that the United Nations should follow with care and interest developments in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. However, in the view of my Delegation, any direct intervention by the United Nations at this stage would prejudice the success of efforts which are being made by Britain to bring these territories further along the road toward independence in a peaceful atmosphere and with the willing consent of all parties concerned. It is not an easy task.

13. It has been said in this debate that unless something is done and done quickly "to save" the situation in Southern Rhodesia, the United Nations may be faced with "another South