

TEXT OF SCANDIVAVIAN RESOLUTION

PASSED BY THE AD HOC POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 20, 1952

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the communication dated 12 September 1952, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Delegations of Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Philippines, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, regarding the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedom for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling that the General Assembly declared in its resolution 103 (I) that it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an end to religious and so-called racial persecution and called upon all Governments to conform both to the letter and to the spirit of the Charter and to take the most prompt and energetic steps to that end.

1. Declares that in a multi-racial society harmony and respect for human rights and freedoms and the peaceful development of a unified community are best assured when patterns of legislation and practice are directed towards ensuring equality before the law of all persons regardless of race, creed or color, and when economic, social, cultural and political participation of all racial groups is on a basis of equality.
2. Affirms that governmental policies of Member States which are not directed towards these goals, but which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination, are inconsistent with the pledges of the Members under Article 56 of the Charter;
3. Solemnly calls upon all Member States to bring their policies into conformity with their obligation under the Charter to promote the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Text of South African Resolution Defeated in Ad Hoc Political Committee, November 20, 1952

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Having regard to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter of the United Nations,

The Ad Hoc Political Committee finds that it has no competence to consider the item entitled "The Question of Race Conflict in South Africa Resulting from the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa".

Text of South African Resolution Defeated in Plenary Session of the General Assembly, December 6, 1952

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The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter,

Finds that it is unable to adopt the proposals on the item entitled "The Question of Race Conflict in South Africa Resulting from the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa" contained in the Rapporteur's Report of the Ad Hoc Political Committee dated December 2, 1952.