

I should like to assure the co-sponsors, however, that my Delegation is conscious of the necessity for some positive action by the United Nations which would preserve the inalienable right of all inhabitants of South West Africa to self-determination. By any reasonable standards, South Africa's policies under the mandate justify the general opinion that South Africa has proven to be an unacceptable administrator of the territory. In the view of the Canadian Delegation, we are not called upon here in this Assembly to make a juridical judgement as to whether in one respect or another the Government of South Africa has been delinquent in carrying out the mandate entrusted to it by the League. We are well aware, and the representative of South Africa reminded us the other day, that this is a matter which has been argued and contested before the International Court. What we are called upon to do is to make a decision in the light of all relevant factors as to whether the Government of South Africa, taking into consideration its refusal to accept accountability to this body, should continue to exercise the mandate in the interests of development and self-government of the peoples of South West Africa. We believe the answer is no. South Africa's long history of failing to pay regard to the rightful interest and concern of the international community for detailed reports of this administration has frustrated any meaningful international supervision, even to the degree required by the mandate. In the opinion of my Delegation, therefore, the record of South Africa constitutes clear grounds for stating that, in consideration of the well-being of the inhabitants of South West Africa, South Africa has lost the right to continue administering the mandate. For our part, the Canadian Delegation pledges to do what it can in the light of these comments to join with others in trying to work out how best the decisions of the General Assembly can be fulfilled.

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