

geographic, ethnic and economic factors bearing on the Territory on whose future we are asked to make recommendations, some of which were mentioned by our Mexican colleague with such clarity last week.

In this connection, I think that whatever form we decide the administering authority should take, it is our duty to formulate guidelines or criteria for administration. It is to be taken for granted that our main aim should be to see that, until it achieves independence, South West Africa is administered in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter and in particular the human rights provisions of the Charter. Thus, it obviously follows that the new administration would involve the abolition of the system of apartheid and other discriminatory administrative arrangements, including, for example, the pattern of having a police zone in which the Territory has practically administered itself as a province of South Africa and an area outside the zone for which the Minister of Bantu Affairs in Pretoria has been directly responsible. It would seem desirable to remove this division and replace it with a small, but firm and centralized administration which would be responsible for running the country on a day-to-day basis, coordinating and encouraging the political and economic advancement of the African population and fostering the creation of a harmonious multi-racial community.

However, the more one gets into an analysis of the administrative problems, the more one realizes the necessity of having access to the facts. Some information bearing on this problem has been usefully collated by the Secretariat in A/AC.129/L2 and the Secretariat are to be congratulated for their contribution. In this connection, in his statement to the Committee on February 10, the representative of Italy suggested that we might be able to obtain additional information to try to assess the practicability of the proposal he put to the Committee.

I also consider some additional information may be necessary because I believe that the General Assembly would expect us to pass a judgement as to the relative practicability of the proposals we have examined. I would very much doubt that they would thank us for submitting a plan which we would expect the full membership of the Organization itself to weigh, unless we ourselves had fulfilled the responsibility of considering what was practical and what was not practical.

I hope therefore that the Committee will proceed immediately to examine the alternatives which strike us as deserving serious consideration. We would then go on to the more difficult task of deciding what is the most practical