

My delegation, however, has one remark to offer at this stage with regard to the resolution now before us. It refers to paragraph 6 of the preamble which reads:

"Having adopted this rule in a desire 'to apply as far as possible, and pending the conclusion of an agreement between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, the procedure followed in that respect by the Council of the League of Nations'".

We fully share the view that the way should be left open for further negotiations with the South African Government. It is not clear from the wording of this paragraph, however, what kind of an agreement it would be hoped might ensue between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa. Now if what is meant here is a trusteeship agreement, then I submit that this is not in conformity with the advisory opinion of the International Court, which stated quite clearly that the United Nations had certain supervisory functions in regard to South West Africa, but did not say that there was any obligation on the part of South Africa to place the Territory under a trusteeship agreement. In the circumstances, it does seem to my delegation that the deletion of the words "and with a view to reaching an agreement between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa" is called for.

If this is done, the Canadian Delegation will be able to vote in favour of paragraph 6 of the preamble as well as for the resolution as a whole. If, on the other hand, the paragraph remains unchanged, the Canadian Delegation will abstain on it, but will nevertheless vote in favour of the resolution as a whole.

Voting Results

Following is the text of a resolution (U.N. Doc. A/L.178) adopted in plenary session on November 23 by a roll-call vote of 25 in favour (including Canada) to 11 against, with 21 abstentions:

(The resolution was introduced in plenary as the Assembly began consideration of the report (Doc. A.2747/Add.1) of the Fourth Committee on the Question of South West Africa.)

Text of Resolution

The General Assembly,

Having accepted, by resolution 449A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 with respect to South West Africa,