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Statement in Explanation of Vote on South West Africa in the Fourth Committee *December 9, 1965*

Dr. J. Haidasy, December 9, 1965

Mr. Chairman,

I should like to explain the vote of my Delegation on the Resolution on South West Africa contained in Document A/C.4/L.812. We regret very much indeed that we have had to abstain in the voting on this draft. As we explained in this Committee when the question of South West Africa was discussed in 1963, we have the greatest sympathy with many of the views expressed by African and Asian members in the course of the general debate on South West Africa. We continue to be deeply concerned that so far it has not been possible to establish an effective United Nations presence in this international territory, and we would like on this occasion as on previous ones to express our abhorrence at the extension of apartheid policy to South West Africa.

In 1963, my Delegation explained in some detail why we were unable to agree to Resolution 1899 (XVIII) of November 13, 1963. Many elements which could not command our support in that Resolution appear again in the Resolution on which we have just voted. In addition, this Resolution contains a judgement on the activities of international companies which is not justified on the basis of the evidence available. We believe that it is the policy practiced by the Government in power which should be criticized rather than the companies which must operate under that policy imposed on them.

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in conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to emphasize that our abstention on this Resolution ^{does not} ~~should not be taken to~~ imply any support whatsoever of South African policies in South West Africa.

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