

tius. and Nigeria,⁵⁹ to extend an invitation to Mr. Sam Nujoma under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

At the same meeting, the Council further decided, at the request of the representatives of Gabon, Mauritius and Nigeria,⁶⁰ to extend an invitation to Mr. Edem Kodjo under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Resolution 435 (1978)

of 29 September 1978

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 385 (1976) of 30 January 1976 and 431 (1978) and 432 (1978) of 27 July 1978,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 431 (1978)⁶¹ and his explanatory statement made in the Security Council on 29 September 1978 (S/12869),⁸²

Taking note of the relevant communications from the Government of South Africa to the Secretary-General,

Taking note also of the letter dated 8 September 1978 from the President of the South West Africa People's Organization to the Secretary-General,⁶⁸

Reaffirming the legal responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia,

1. Approves the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the proposal for a settlement of the Namibian situation⁶⁴ and his explanatory statement;

2. Reiterates that its objective is the withdrawal of South Africa's illegal administration from Namibia and the transfer of power to the people of Namibia with the assistance of the United Nations in accordance with Security Council resolution 385 (1976);

3. Decides to establish under its authority a United Nations Transition Assistance Group in accordance with the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General for a period of up to 12 months in order to assist his Special Representative to carry out the mandate conferred upon him by the Security Council in paragraph 1 of its resolution 431 (1978), namely, to ensure the early independence of Namibia through free elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations;

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, document S/12866.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, document S/12872.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, document S/12827.

⁶² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Year*, 2087th meeting, paras. 11-22.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for July, August and September 1978*, document S/12841.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, *Supplement for April, May and June 1978*, document S/12636.

4. Welcomes the preparedness of the South West Africa People's Organization to co-operate in the implementation of the Secretary-General's report, including its expressed readiness to sign and observe the cease-fire provisions as manifested in the letter from its President of 8 September 1978;

5. Calls upon South Africa forthwith to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the present resolution;

6. Declares that all unilateral measures taken by the illegal administration in Namibia in relation to the electoral process, including unilateral registration of voters, or transfer of power, in contravention of resolutions 385 (1976), 431 (1978) and the present resolution, are null and void;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council not later than 23 October 1978 on the implementation of the present resolution.

Adopted at the 2087th meeting by 12 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (Czechoslovakia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)."

Decisions

At its 2088th meeting, on 30 September 1978, the Council decided to invite the representative of Guinea to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the question.

At its 2092nd meeting, on 31 October 1978, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Burundi, Egypt and Ghana to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

"The situation in Namibia:

"(a) Report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) concerning the situation in Namibia (S/12903);⁶⁸

"(b) Letter dated 24 October 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/12906)".⁹⁸

At the same meeting, the Council also decided to extend an invitation, under rule 39 of the provisional rules of procedure, to a delegation of the United Nations Council for Namibia, composed of the President and three Vice-Presidents of that body.

⁸⁸ One member (China) did not participate in the voting.

⁹⁸ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1978*.