

RESOLUTION

ON SOUTH WEST AFRICANS ON TRIAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Fourth Ordinary Session in Kinshasa, Congo, from 11 to 14 September 1967,

Recalling that the League of Nations mandate to govern South West Africa was passed to the government of South Africa,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Assembly in its resolution No.2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, terminated that mandate of South Africa over South West Africa,

Aware that the United Nations High Commissioner and the United Nations Council set up under UN Assembly resolution no.2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967, to govern South West Africa has been appointed and is functioning,

Concerned that South Africa has arrested 37 nationals of South West Africa, and removed them from the United Nations Jurisdiction in South West Africa, and began trying them on 11 September 1967, in Pretoria, South Africa, thus violating normal legal procedures and denying the said nationals any access to witnesses or family connections both of which are necessary for preparing effectively for their legal defence,

Determined to give whatever aid that is possible to the said nationals, and determined also to expose the illegal and unjust moves taken by South Africa,

1. CONDEMNS the illegal and unjust action of South Africa in arresting the 37 nationals of South West Africa in open defiance of the United Nations, and holding a so-called trial of the said nationals under its inhuman and racist laws;
2. INVITES Member States to give whatever aid that is possible to the defence of the 37 South West African nationals now being tried illegally in South Africa, and to work for their release;

- 3. CALLS UPON the United Nations to stop the so-called trial and to firmly exercise its rights and jurisdiction over South West Africa.**

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