

interpretation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950:

“Decisions of the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa shall be regarded as important questions within the meaning of Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.”

“(b) If this interpretation of the advisory opinion of the Court is not correct, what voting procedure should be followed by the General Assembly in taking decisions on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa?”

*501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.*

905 (IX). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report² of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1953 to 15 July 1954.

*503rd plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

906 (IX). Complaint of detention and imprisonment of United Nations military personnel in violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item proposed by the United States of America as the Unified Command regarding eleven members of the United States armed forces under the United Nations Command captured by Chinese forces when undertaking a mission on 12 January 1953, at the direction of the United Nations Command,

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

Recalling the provisions of article III of the Korean Armistice Agreement³ regarding the repatriation of prisoners of war,

1. *Declares* that the detention and imprisonment of the eleven American airmen, members of the United Nations Command, referred to in document A/2830,⁴ and the detention of all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command desiring repatriation is a violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement;

2. *Condemns*, as contrary to the Korean Armistice Agreement, the trial and conviction of prisoners of war illegally detained after 25 September 1953;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the name of the United Nations, to seek the release, in accordance with the Korean Armistice Agreement, of these eleven United Nations Command personnel, and all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command still detained;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make, by the means most appropriate in his judgment, continuing and unremitting efforts to this end and to report progress to all Members on or before 31 December 1954.

*509th plenary meeting,
10 December 1954.*

907 (IX). Appointment of members of the Peace Observation Commission

The General Assembly

Appoints as members of the Peace Observation Commission, for the calendar years 1955 and 1956, the following fourteen States Members: China, Czechoslovakia, France, Honduras, India, Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay.

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1953*, document S/3079.

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 72.