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STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT THE OPENING MEETING OF
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA HELD AT 3 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 1967.

I should like, first of all, to extend a very warm welcome to all the distinguished representatives on this Committee. The importance of the task assigned to this Committee is recognized by all members of the United Nations, who are no doubt awaiting with keen interest the outcome of your labours.

As you are aware, this Committee was established by the General Assembly by resolution 2145 (XXI) adopted on 27 October 1966, following a historic debate on the question of South West Africa in the plenary meetings of the General Assembly.

The question of South West Africa, as is well known, has been the subject of consideration at every session of the United Nations General Assembly beginning with the first session in 1946 as well as by several special committees established by the Assembly. During this long period of twenty-one years, the General Assembly has adopted no less than seventy-six resolutions on this question. It has also been the subject of three references to the International Court of Justice; twice for the purpose of obtaining advisory opinions and the third time for a decision on the case submitted by the Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia.



All the efforts of the Organization as well as of individual Member States during this period have been directed at persuading the Government of South Africa to co-operate with the United Nations in taking necessary measures to enable the people of the Territory to exercise their rights, recognized in the Charter of the United Nations, in conditions of peace and harmony. Had South Africa co-operated with the Organization, this Committee would not have been faced today with the task which has now been entrusted to it by the General Assembly. In fact this Committee would not have been necessary. In this connexion it is pertinent to recall that, of the seven Territories in Africa which remained under League of Nations' mandate at the time of the establishment of the United Nations, all except South West Africa were brought under the Trusteeship system by the governments responsible for their administration and all of them have since achieved self-determination and independence.

The United Nations, in its numerous resolutions on the question of South West Africa, has reaffirmed the inalienable right of the people of this territory to self-determination and independence. The Organization therefore has clearly an obligation to assist the people of South West Africa to achieve this inalienable right of theirs.



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17 January 1967

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3.00 17th Jan.
on 11/1/67

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In resolution 2145 (XXI) adopted by the General Assembly at its
twenty-first session, the Assembly decided that South Africa, having
failed to fulfil its obligations in respect of the administration of the
Territory, has no other right to administer it and that henceforth South
West Africa comes under the direct responsibility of the United Nations.
Further, it resolved that the United Nations must discharge its respon-
sibilities with respect to ~~South West Africa~~ *this Territory*.

Having thus decided to take over the responsibilities for South West
Africa, the General Assembly established this Ad Hoc Committee and gave it
the task of recommending practical means by which South West Africa should
be administered so as to enable the people of the Territory to exercise the

right of self-determination and to achieve independence and to report to the Assembly at a special session as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than April 1967.

It may be mentioned in this connexion that while this Committee has been entrusted with the specific functions to which I have referred, the question of South West Africa ^{also remains} ~~is also~~ the concern of the Special Committee of 24 within the context of the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples embodied in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

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