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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AT ITS 856TH MEETING ON 1 APRIL 1960

The Security Council,

Having considered the complaint of 29 Member States contained in document S/4279 and Add.1 concerning "the situation arising out of the large-scale killings of unarmed and peaceful demonstrators against racial discrimination and segregation in the Union of South Africa",

Recognizing that such a situation has been brought about by the racial policies of the Government of the Union of South Africa and the continued disregard by that Government of the resolutions of the General Assembly calling upon it to revise its policies and bring them into conformity with its obligations and responsibilities under the Charter,

Taking into account the strong feelings and grave concern aroused among Governments and peoples of the world by the happenings in the Union of South Africa,

1. Recognizes that the situation in the Union of South Africa is one that has led to international friction and if continued might endanger international peace and security;
2. Deplores that the recent disturbances in the Union of South Africa should have led to the loss of life of so many Africans and extends to the families of the victims its deepest sympathies;
3. Deplores the policies and actions of the Government of the Union of South Africa which have given rise to the present situation;
4. Calls upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to initiate measures aimed at bringing about racial harmony based on equality in order to ensure that the present situation does not continue or recur and to abandon its policies of apartheid and racial discrimination;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Government of the Union of South Africa, to make such arrangements as would adequately help in upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter and to report to the Security Council whenever necessary and appropriate.

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3. Deplores the policies and actions of the Government of the Union of South Africa which have given rise to the present situation;
4. Calls upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to initiate measures aimed at bringing about racial harmony based on equality in order to ensure that the present situation does not continue or recur and to abandon its policies of apartheid and racial discrimination;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Government of the Union of South Africa, to make such arrangements as would adequately help in upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter and to report to the Security Council whenever necessary and appropriate.



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The Security Council,

Having considered the complaint of twenty-nine Member States contained in document S/4279 concerning "the situation arising out of the large-scale killings of unarmed and peaceful demonstrators against racial discrimination and segregation in the Union of South Africa",

Recognizing that such a situation has been brought about by the racial policies of the Government of the Union of South Africa and the continued disregard by that Government of the resolutions of the General Assembly calling upon it to revise its policies and bring them into conformity with its obligations and responsibilities under the Charter,

Taking into account the strong feelings and grave concern aroused among Governments and peoples of the world by the happenings in the Union of South Africa,

1. Recognizes that the situation in the Union of South Africa is one that has led to international friction and if continued might endanger international peace and security;
2. Deplores that the recent incidents in the Union of South Africa should have led to the loss of life of so many Africans and extends to the families of the victims its deepest sympathies;
3. Deplores the policies and actions of the Government of the Union of South Africa which have given rise to the present situation;
4. ^{calls upon} Urges the Government of the Union of South Africa to initiate measures aimed at bringing about racial harmony based on equality in order to ensure that the present situation does not continue or recur and to abandon its policies of apartheid and racial discrimination;
5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Government of the Union of South Africa, to ^{make} ~~take~~ ^{arrangements} ~~measures~~ as would adequately help in ensuring that the purposes and principles of the Charter shall be respected and to report to the Security Council whenever necessary and appropriate.

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United Nations, New York, April 7, Reuter - Mr. Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, has formally relayed the text of last week's security council resolution to the South African Government, it was learned today. Text of his communication, understood to have been transmitted yesterday, was not released. But usually reliable sources indicated that Mr. Hammarskjöld was seeking to implement the Council's request that he undertake consultations with the Union Government.

The final paragraph of last Friday's Council resolution asked him "in consultation with the Government of the Union of South Africa, to make such arrangements as would adequately help in upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter and to report to the Security Council whenever necessary and appropriate."

In an earlier clause, the resolution called on the Union Government "to initiate measures aimed at bringing about racial harmony based on equality in order to ensure that the present situation does not continue or recur and to abandon its policies of apartheid and racial discrimination".

Nine members of the Council voted to thexxx for the resolution. The others - Britain and France - abstained, on grounds that the Council was not empowered by the Charter to concern itself with a member nation's domestic affairs.

Within hours of passage of the document, Mr. Hammarskjöld called in the South African Resident Representative, Mr. Brand Fourie, for a talk.

Yesterday, the U.N. chief had separate conferences with Britain's chief delegate, Sir Pierson Dixon, and the Resident Representative of France, ~~Mr. Armand~~ Mr. Armand Bérard.

Meanwhile, the sole African Member of the Security Council, Tunisia's M. Mongi Slim, indicated that there might be a move by African and Asian States to ask for sanctions against South Africa if the Union failed to respond to the resolution.

A report circulated in the corridors today that Mr. Hammarskjöld might find a reason for being in London early next month during the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, in hopes of making contact with the South African Premier, Mr. Hendrik Voerwoord, or another top Union representative.

But there was no immediate official confirmation that the Secretary-General was considering such a plan.

Since adoption of the resolution, delegates here have kept close watch on news reports of continuing trouble in South Africa, but the Secretary-General has maintained secrecy about his plans under its terms.

He is due to hold a press conference tomorrow (1600 gmt), but observers said it appeared doubtful whether he would have much to say about the South African situation.

Mr. Hammarskjöld customarily exercises extreme caution in his utterances in public, particularly when he is engaged, as now, in what he has often described as "quiet diplomacy".