

ARTICLE 48

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1. The action required to carry out the decisions of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security shall be taken by all the Members of the United Nations or by some of them, as the Security Council may determine.

2. Such decisions shall be carried out by the Members of the United Nations directly and through their action in the appropriate international agencies of which they are members.

NOTE

1. No decisions were taken explicitly under this Article by the Security Council during the period under review.

2. Certain decisions of the Security Council, however, without making reference to Article 48, contained provisions which might be considered as falling implicitly within the scope of this Article. These include the following:

(a) Resolution 232,¹ adopted on 16 December 1966 in connexion with the question concerning the situation in Southern Rhodesia, in which the Security Council, having determined under Article 39 that the existing situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,² decided that all Member States were to take measures to prevent the import of certain commodities from, as well as supply of arms and certain other products to, Southern Rhodesia.

(b) Resolution 253,³ adopted on 29 May 1968 in connexion with the same item, in which the Security Council, having reaffirmed its determination that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,⁴ called upon the United Kingdom as the administering Power to take all effective measures to bring the rebellion in Southern Rhodesia to an end. The Security Council further decided in this resolution that all Member States were to take measures to prevent the import from and supply to Southern Rhodesia of all commodities (excepting medical, educational and limited other supplies) as well as other measures under Article 41 of the Charter, and called upon all Member States, and in particular those with primary responsibility under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security, to assist effectively in the implementation of this resolution.

3. During the period covered by this *Supplement*, incidental references to Article 48 were made in the General Assembly in the course of the consideration of the item "The policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Republic of South Africa",⁵ and the item "Question of South-West Africa".⁶

¹ S C resolution 232 (1966), para. 2.

² *Ibid.*, 4th preamb. para. and para. 1.

³ S C resolution 253 (1968), paras. 2-9 and 16.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 9th preamb. para.

⁵ G A (XXI), Spec. Pol. Com., 535th mtg.: Ireland, para. 22; G A (XXII), Spec. Pol. Com., 557th mtg.: Upper Volta, para. 14.

⁶ G A (XXI), Plen., 1427th mtg.: Brazil, para. 133.