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DELEGATION OF INDIA: LETTER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1946

To the Secretary-General

United Nations

Sir,

In connection with the question of treatment of Indians in South Africa which is to come up for discussion before a joint session of Committees 1 and 6, I have the honour to submit that I propose to move the resolution, a copy of which is attached herewith.

Assuring you of my highest consideration,

I am etc.,

M. C. Chagla

Delegate for India

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The general Assembly, having taken note of the application made by the Government of India regarding the treatment of Indians in the Union of South Africa and having considered the matter, is of the opinion that:

(a) the Union Government's discriminatory treatment of Asiatics in general and Indians in particular on the grounds of their race constitutes a denial of human rights and fundamental freedom and is contrary to the charter,

(b) the Union Government's policy in general and the enactment of the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act 1946, in particular, have impaired friendly relations between the two Member States, and unless a satisfactory settlement is arrived at immediately, these relations are likely to be further impaired.

The General Assembly, therefore, considers that the Union Government should revise their general policy and their legislative and administrative measures affecting Asiatics in South Africa, so as to bring them into conformity with the principles and purposes of the Charter and requests the Union Government to report at the next session of the General Assembly the action taken by them in this behalf.