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Report of the Secretary-General

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GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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With regard to the conclusions and recommendations of the Group of Three as contained in document E/CN.4/1328, the German Democratic Republic would like to present the following views:

1. The German Democratic Republic notes with satisfaction the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention or acceded thereto. It believes that affiliation to the Convention should be as universal as possible. With this in mind, the German Democratic Republic has repeatedly sponsored resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid at sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.
2. In accordance with article VII of the Convention, the German Democratic Republic has submitted two comprehensive reports on how it has applied its provisions. The reports were elaborated on the basis of the general guidelines recommended by the Group of Three.
3. The German Democratic Republic welcomes the practice, established since the 3rd meeting of the Group, of inviting representatives of the reporting States to participate in the relevant meetings of the Group. This is an opportunity for a direct dialogue between the States parties and the Group which is useful for the implementation of the Convention.
4. In conformity with the mandate entrusted to it under the Convention, the Group should act on its own like similar bodies, e.g. the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
5. The German Democratic Republic sees no need for establishing an international penal tribunal to deal with the crime of apartheid. The Convention obligates all States parties to prosecute universally cases relating to the crime of apartheid. The punishable nature of apartheid is a direct outflow of a breach of the pertinent norms of international law. Hence there is no need for States to define in their own legislation the specific elements which constitute the crime of apartheid. Any ordinary court of a State party to the Convention is competent to punish persons guilty of the crime of apartheid.

PANAMA

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The Panamanian Government has no comment to make since it is in agreement with the conclusions and recommendations in question.
