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UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONVENTION

Fourth periodic reports of States Parties due in 1978

Addendum

JAMAICA 1/

[31 July 1979]

Introduction

This Report is submitted pursuant to Article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

This Report should be read in continuation of and as supplement to the First, Second and Third Reports submitted by the Government of Jamaica (CERD/C/R.33/Add.9, CERD/C/R.65/Add.6, and CERD/C/23).

1/ Jamaica's fourth periodic report was due on 5 July 1978. For previous reports submitted by the Government of Jamaica and for the summary records of meetings of the Committee during which these reports were examined, see:

- (1) Initial report - CERD/C/R.33/Add.9 (CERD/C/SR.178-179);
- (2) Second periodic report - CERD/C/R.65/Add.6 (CERD/C/SR.274);
- (3) Third periodic report - CERD/C/23 (CERD/C/SR.386-387).

1. Information on the Legislative, Judicial, Administrative or other measures which have been adopted and which give effect to the Convention
 - (a) Condemnation of racial segregation and apartheid in accordance with Article 3
 - (b) Prohibition and elimination of racial discrimination in all forms, especially in the field of political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights and the right of access to any place or service intended for use by the general public
 - (c) Measures assuring everyone effective protection and remedies through the competent tribunals against any acts of racial discrimination which violate his human rights and fundamental freedoms contrary to the Convention etc. in accordance with Article 6

The situation as described in Jamaica's Third Periodic Report remains unchanged.

2. Information on Measures to give effect to the Undertaking in Articles 2(1)(b), and 4(c) of the Convention

The situation as outlined in Jamaica's Third Periodic Report remains unchanged.

3. Information on Measures to give effect to Articles 2(1)(c), 2(1)(d), 3, 4(a) and 4(b).

- (a) The undertaking to review Governmental, national and local policies, and to amend, rescind or nullify laws and regulations which have the effect of creating or perpetuating racial discrimination wherever it exists, in accordance with Article 2

The situation remains as outlined in Jamaica's Third Periodic Report.

- (b) The undertaking to prohibit and bring to an end, by all appropriate means, including legislation as required by circumstances, racial discrimination by any persons, group or organization; in accordance with Article 2(1)(d)

The Government of Jamaica is giving active and serious consideration to the pertinent observations made by the Committee during its consideration of Jamaica's Third Periodic Report. Decisions on action to be taken in respect of this provision of the Convention will be reflected in subsequent periodic reports by the Government of Jamaica.

- (c) The undertaking to prevent, prohibit and eradicate, in territories under their jurisdiction all practices of racial segregation and apartheid in accordance with Article 3.

The situation remains as contained in Jamaica's Third Periodic Report.

- (d) The undertaking to declare an offence punishable by law all dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred, incitement to racial discrimination, as well as all acts of violence or incitement to such acts against any race or group of persons of another colour or ethnic origin, and also the provision of any assistance to racial activities, including the financing thereof in accordance with Article 4(a)
- (e) The undertaking to declare illegal and prohibit organizations, and also organized and all other propaganda activities, which promote and incite racial discrimination, and shall recognize participation in such organizations or activities as an offence punishable by law in accordance with Article 4(b)

Decisions taken by the Government of Jamaica as a result of its review of its position on these provisions of the Convention will be reported on in subsequent periodic reports.

4. Information on measures to give effect to the undertaking given in Articles 2(1)(e), 2(2) and 7

- (a) The undertaking to encourage, where appropriate, integrationist multiracial organizations and movements and other means of eliminating barriers between races, and to discourage anything which tends to strengthen racial division, in accordance with Article 2(e)
- (b) The undertaking to take, when the circumstances so warrant in the social, economic, cultural and other fields, special and concrete measures to ensure the adequate development and protection of certain racial groups or individuals belonging to them for the purpose of guaranteeing them the full and equal enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in accordance with Article 2(2)
- (c) The undertaking to adopt immediate and effective measures particularly in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information, with a view to combating prejudices which lead to racial discrimination and to promoting understanding, tolerance, and friendship among nations and racial or ethnic groups, as well as to propagating the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and this Convention in accordance with Article 7

The situation remains as indicated in Jamaica's Third Periodic Report.

In addition, Jamaica was host, in May 1979, to the Special Session of the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid, which issued a declaration on Apartheid.