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United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa was established in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2054 B (XX) of 15 December 1965. It is made up of voluntary contributions from States, organizations and individuals and is used for grants to voluntary organizations, Governments of host countries of refugees from South Africa and other appropriate bodies. The purposes for which the grants are made were revised by paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2397 (XXIII) of 2 December 1968, as follows:

"(a) Legal assistance to persons persecuted under the repressive and discriminatory legislation of South Africa;

"(b) Relief to such persons and their dependants;

"(c) Education of such persons and their dependants;

"(d) Relief for refugees from South Africa."

2. By paragraph 2 of resolution 2671 E (XXV) of 8 December 1970, the General Assembly authorized the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa "to decide on grants from the Fund to voluntary organizations engaged in providing relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in Namibia and Southern Rhodesia and to their families, to the extent that additional voluntary contributions are received for this purpose".

3. Since the last report of the Secretary-General,^{1/} dated 12 October 1970, the Trust Fund has received contributions from 19 Governments of Member States, totalling \$287,518, as follows:

	<u>United States dollars</u>
Austria	5,000
Belgium	20,149
Bulgaria	1,000
Cyprus	242
Denmark	66,796
Finland	25,000
France	20,000
Ghana	1,000
Ireland	2,750
Jamaica	840
Japan	20,000
Khmer Republic	1,000
Liberia	1,000
Morocco	3,972
Norway	35,000
Pakistan	3,000
Saudi Arabia	2,400
Sweden	77,369
Yugoslavia	1,000

4. The contributions of Belgium and France were earmarked for specific purposes.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/8109.

5. In addition, the following pledges from Governments are outstanding:

	<u>United States dollars</u>
Austria	5,000
India	1,000
Philippines	2,500
Sierra Leone	120
Turkey	1,000

6. In accordance with decisions of the Committee of Trustees, four further grants, totalling \$280,000, have been made from the Trust Fund.

7. The total of contributions to the Trust Fund since its inception is \$1,369,263 and the total amount of grants is \$1,280,400, leaving a balance of \$88,863.

8. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith (see annex) the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa on its work since the last report.

ANNEX

Report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations
Trust Fund for South Africa

1. During the past year, Mr. José Piñera, the member nominated by Chile, was replaced by Mr. Humberto Díaz-Casanueva. Mr. Ahmed Taibi Benhima, the member nominated by Morocco, was replaced by Mr. Mehdi Mrani Zentar. The present composition of the Committee of Trustees is as follows:

Mr. Olof Rydbeck (Sweden), Chairman
Mr. E.O. Ogbu (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman
Mr. Humberto Díaz-Casanueva (Chile)
Mr. Agha Shahi (Pakistan)
Mr. Mehdi Mrani Zentar (Morocco)

2. The Committee has continued its work along the lines indicated in its previous reports and in statements by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly.

3. The Committee took into account the decision in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2671 E (XXV) authorizing the Committee "to decide on grants from the Fund to voluntary organizations engaged in providing relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in Namibia and Southern Rhodesia and to their families, to the extent that additional voluntary contributions are received for this purpose". Several Member States increased their contributions to the Trust Fund this year, and the following Member States specifically indicated that their contributions could be used for grants for the above-mentioned purpose: France, Ireland and Sweden.

4. The Committee has decided on four grants from the Trust Fund, for the purposes within its terms of reference as laid down in General Assembly resolution 2397 (XXIII), as follows:

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Amount in United States dollars</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
28	23 November 1970	\$40,000	(a)
29	8 April 1971	\$70,000	(d)
30	8 April 1971	\$90,000	(a) to (d)
31	8 April 1971	\$80,000	(b) and (c)

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The Committee authorized the use of a part of grant No. 24 and a part of grant No. 29 for the purpose indicated in paragraph 2 of resolution 2671 E (XXV). In making these grants, the Committee took fully into account the desires of donors wishing to earmark their contributions, namely, Belgium and France.

5. The Committee has noted the communications to it and other available information on direct contributions by Member States to voluntary organizations and has taken them into account in the discharge of its terms of reference. The following were brought to its notice:

- (a) By the Byelorussian SSR to the International Defence and Aid Fund, London, \$1,000;
- (b) By Sweden to the International Defence and Aid Fund, London, \$100,000;
- (c) By Sweden to Amnesty International, London, \$20,000;
- (d) By the Ukrainian SSR to the International Defence and Aid Fund, London, \$2,000; and
- (e) By the USSR to the International Defence and Aid Fund, London, \$7,000.

The Committee was also informed by the Permanent Mission of Greece that the Church of Greece had made a contribution to the World Council of Churches for assistance to victims of apartheid.

6. The Committee notes with grave concern that during the past year a large number of persons have been detained in South Africa, and a number of trials have been conducted, under repressive legislation. It notes in particular the trial of the Anglican Dean of Johannesburg, the Most Reverend Gonville A. French-Beytagh, under the Terrorism Act and the Suppression of Communism Act. Many of the specific charges against him relate to humanitarian assistance provided by him to the families of political prisoners and banned persons. In another trial in Pietermaritzburg, 13 members of the Unity Movement are facing charges under the Terrorism Act: a large number of other members of this movement are reported to be under detention and may be brought to trial. Many persons released from prison after completing sentences under repressive legislation are being subjected to banning orders or removed to so-called resettlement camps, thereby preventing them from normal employment. The needs for legal assistance and relief to families, within the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, have, therefore, greatly increased.

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7. The Committee hopes that generous contributions will be forthcoming to the Trust Fund, and directly to voluntary organizations, to enable them to meet the pressing needs. The Committee also hopes that efforts would be redoubled to persuade the Government of South Africa to refrain from hindering humanitarian assistance to the victims of repressive legislation and, indeed, to cease repressive measures against the opponents of apartheid.

8. In this connexion, the Committee again wishes to stress the importance of the dissemination of information on the continued repression of opponents of apartheid by the South African Government and the increasing hardships faced by the victims of repression and their families. It feels that the United Nations must further intensify the dissemination of such information, taking into account the expanded mandate of the Trust Fund, in order to encourage Governments, organizations and individuals to contribute to the Trust Fund and voluntary organizations engaged in assistance to victims of apartheid, and thereby demonstrate their concern over the situation.

9. The Committee has found it essential that a member of the Committee should visit, at least annually, the voluntary organizations receiving grants from the Trust Fund in order to inspect the accounts and consult on all aspects of assistance within the terms of reference of the Trust Fund. The Committee would suggest that provision be made for the modest cost of such visits.

10. Finally, the Committee wishes once again to express its great appreciation and gratitude to the Secretary-General for his unfailing encouragement and assistance to it since the inception of the Trust Fund. It also wishes to express its appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to the voluntary organizations concerned, for their continued co-operation.
