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SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID

Reports submitted by States parties under article VII  
of the Convention

Addendum

ROMANIA \*/

[25 May 1988]

1. As is known, the Socialist Republic of Romania is a party to the International Covenant on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, having ratified it by Council of State Decree No. 254/1978, published in the Official Gazette of Romania No. 64 of 17 July 1978. The reflections and appraisals contained in Romania's initial report on the implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, transmitted to the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva in October 1980, remain fully valid.

2. Romania would like to repeat that the legislation of the Socialist Republic of Romania contains provisions for ensuring the prevention and punishment of all forms of racial discrimination, including the crime of

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\*/ The initial report submitted by the Government of Romania (E/CN.4/1415/Add.6) was considered by the Group of Three at its 1981 session.

apartheid. These provisions pre-date the Romanian State's ratification of the Convention on the subject and even pre-date its adoption by the United Nations General Assembly.

3. In the practice of Romanian judicial bodies, no cases have so far been observed that required the implementation of the Convention's stipulations or the relevant provisions of Romanian legislation, since no demonstrations of apartheid or racial discrimination have occurred.

4. In the light of the seriousness of the problem of apartheid, from the legal as well as the political and moral points of view, Romania considers that it is for each State to take appropriate steps at the national level to prosecute and punish those who engage in the crime of apartheid, and that steps should also be taken at the international level to eliminate this outdated phenomenon. On the basis of its steadfast policy of combating apartheid, racism and racial discrimination, Romania militates indefatigably in the United Nations system and other international forums for the adoption of effective measures capable of eliminating and punishing the crime of apartheid.

5. In view of the policy and practice of apartheid in South Africa, the Socialist Republic of Romania has no trade relations or economic co-operation with that country.