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ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE RACIST AND COLONIALIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1864 (LVI) of 17 May 1974, condemned those States which continued to give political, military, economic and other assistance to the racist and colonial régimes in southern Africa or which refrained from taking any steps to prevent natural or juridical persons within their jurisdiction from assisting those régimes and thus encouraging them to continue violating fundamental human rights; approved the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to authorize the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint a Special Rapporteur; and recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in its agenda with a view to considering it at its thirtieth session.
2. The General Assembly considered this item at its thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-third and thirty-seventh sessions and adopted resolutions 3383 (XXX) of 10 November 1975, 31/33 of 30 November 1976, 33/32 of 9 November 1978 and 37/39 of 3 December 1982. In resolution 37/39, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur for his revised report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1982/10) and affirmed that the updating of the report was of the greatest importance to the cause of fighting apartheid and other violations of human rights in South Africa and Namibia and should continue to be an activity in the ongoing work programme for 1982-1983. In the same resolution the Assembly also invited the Commission on Human Rights to give high priority to the consideration of the revised report at its thirty-ninth session.
3. Since its thirtieth session, at the request of the Sub-Commission, the Commission on Human Rights has been considering regularly this question. By its resolution 1984/6 of 28 February 1984, the Commission on Human Rights, having noted

with satisfaction the updated report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/6 and Add.1 and 2) prepared by the Special Rapporteur, which contained an updated list of banks, transnational corporations and other organizations said to be giving assistance to the racist and colonial régime in South Africa, welcomed the decision of the Sub-Commission to mandate the Special Rapporteur to continue to update the list, subject to annual review, and to submit the revised report to the Commission through the Sub-Commission, and decided to consider the revised report at its forty-first session.

4. At its thirty-seventh session in 1984, by its resolution 1984/4 of 28 August 1984, the Sub-Commission noted with satisfaction the updated report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1984/8 and Add.1 and 2) submitted by the Special Rapporteur and recommended to the Commission on Human Rights that it call upon all Governments to disseminate the updated report and to give its contents the widest possible publicity; that it request the Secretary-General to give to the Special Rapporteur all the assistance he may require in the exercise of his mandate with a view in particular to establish direct contact with the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the United Nations Centre against Apartheid and to expand his work on the annotation of certain selected cases as reflected in his present list and to continue the computerization of future updated lists; and that it invite the Secretary-General to give the updated report of the Special Rapporteur the widest distribution and publicity and to issue it as a United Nations publication.

5. The General Assembly will have before it the latest updated report of the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1984/8 and Add.1 and 2).
