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## ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Question of financing the expenses of the members of the  
Committee on the Elimination of Racial DiscriminationReport of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to article 8, paragraph 6, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)), States parties "shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee while they are in performance of Committee duties".
2. At its forty-third session, the General Assembly considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee (A/43/607), and adopted resolution 43/96 of 8 December 1988, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the Assembly, the 11th and 12th meetings of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention, expressed its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties to the Convention had still not fulfilled their financial obligations, which had led to the cancellation of the spring 1988 session and the curtailment by one week of the August 1988 session of the Committee; expressed once again its concern that such a situation had led to further delay in discharging the substantive obligations of the Committee under the Convention; strongly appealed to all States parties to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions and, if possible, their contributions for 1989 before 1 February 1989 so as to enable the Committee to meet regularly; and endorsed the decision taken at the 12th meeting of States parties to the Convention that, as an exceptional measure, pending resolution of the current financial difficulties of the Committee, it should hold one extended session if possible in 1989. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its forty-fourth session on the financial situation of the Committee and possible administrative and legal measures for improving the situation facing the Committee.

3. The meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies, held at Geneva from 10 to 14 October 1988, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/105 of 7 December 1987, recommended that the General Assembly, in carrying out its responsibility relating to the proper functioning of the human rights treaty bodies established to monitor the implementation of instruments adopted by the Assembly itself, and as a matter of the highest priority, should ensure the financing of each of the committees from the United Nations regular budget or make any other financial arrangements that may be necessary to enable each of the committees to operate effectively.

4. At its forty-fifth session, the Commission on Human Rights, by its resolution 1989/47 of 6 March 1989, acknowledged the recommendations of the meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies on the need to ensure financing and adequate staffing resources for the operations of the human rights treaty bodies, and, with this in mind, noted that the General Assembly, in so far as any of the treaty bodies might be experiencing financial difficulties, could consider alleviating these difficulties, inter alia, by the temporary allocation of necessary funds by way of advances out of the United Nations regular budget which would be reimbursed from the contributions received within the same budget year, a procedure to be repeated until such a time as a permanent solution to such difficulties could be implemented.

5. On 18 January 1989, the Secretary-General informed the members of the Committee by cable that owing to the insufficient payment of assessed contributions by States parties to the Convention, the spring 1989 session of the Committee, which had been scheduled to meet at Geneva from 27 February to 17 March 1989, regrettably, could not be convened.

6. The summer 1989 (thirty-seventh) session of the Committee was, however, convened as scheduled and, in accordance with the decision taken at the 12th meeting of States parties as endorsed by the General Assembly, was extended by one week to four weeks and held at Geneva from 7 August to 1 September 1989. The States parties to the Convention were informed by the Secretary-General of this extension by notes verbales dated 29 May 1989.

7. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 43/96. As at 1 September 1989, the total of outstanding assessments and arrears was \$US 168,758, as detailed in the annex hereto.

ANNEX

Responsibilities of the States parties for the expenses of  
the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial  
Discrimination under article 8, paragraph 6, of the  
Convention

Assessments outstanding as at 30 September 1989

(United States dollars)

Afghanistan	550	Lesotho	896
Algeria	709	Liberia	5 791
Argentina	1 289	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	6 373
Bangladesh	548	Maldives	390
Botswana	896	Mali	8 502
Brazil	2 173	Malta	390
Burkina Faso	5 282	Mexico	409
Burundi	7 551	Mozambique	3 749
Canada	3 989	Nicaragua	896
Cape Verde	5 814	Niger	1 402
Central African Republic	8 222	Nigeria	1 233
Chad	7 551	Panama	1 599
Chile	632	Papua New Guinea	902
Congo	758	Peru	988
Costa Rica	3 009	Philippines	634
Côte d'Ivoire	561	Romania	7 650
Democratic Kampuchea	896	Rwanda	550
Dominican Republic	2 139	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 289
Ecuador	112	Sierra Leone	7 311
El Salvador	5 814	Solomon Islands	896
Gabon	572	Somalia	5 680
Gambia	6 483	Sri Lanka	550
Guatemala	2 984	Sudan	2 162
Guinea	6 224	Suriname	2 250
Guyana	550	Swaziland	550
Haiti	402	Togo	5 444
Hungary	769	Tonga	550
India	959	Trinidad and Tobago	681
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1 216	Uganda	1 402
Iraq	1 092	United Kingdom of Great	
Israel	16	Britain and Northern Ireland	5 947
Jordan	346	United Republic of Tanzania	550
Lao People's Democratic		Venezuela	1 161
Republic	896	Viet Nam	896
Lebanon	3 474	Zaire	607
		Total	<u>168 758</u>

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