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THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF
APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT
COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: MEASURES FOR
EFFECTIVELY COMBATING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AND THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID AND SEGREGATION
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 21 November 1969, in connexion with agenda item 34, "The policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa: report of the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa", the General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Special Political Committee (A/7773 and Corr. 1), adopted resolution 2506 B (XXIV), entitled "The policies of Apartheid of the Government of South Africa." Operative paragraph 13 of that resolution reads as follows:

"13. Requests the Secretary-General and Member States to intensify dissemination of information on the problems of apartheid of the Government of South Africa, in the light of the recommendations set forth in paragraphs 155 to 160 of the report of the Special Committee."

2. Paragraph 157, sub-paragraph (e) of the report of the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (A/7625) referred to in the aforesaid paragraph 13 reads as follows:

"(e) Consider, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, the need for the establishment of a radio station for broadcasts to Southern Africa and report to the next session of the General Assembly."

3. The General Assembly now has before it a report of the Third Committee (A/7826) on agenda item 57, including part (a) thereof, namely "(a) Measures for effectively combating racial discrimination and the policies of apartheid and segregation in southern Africa: report of the Secretary-General". In this connexion, the Third Committee has inter alia recommended for adoption by the General Assembly a draft resolution which contains an operative paragraph 11 originally proposed by the Commission on Human Rights and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1415 (XLVI). This operative paragraph read as follows:

"11. Requests the Secretary-General to set up a unit of the United Nations radio in Africa to produce and broadcast radio programmes to the peoples of southern Africa."

4. The Secretary-General wishes to take this opportunity to inform the General Assembly that, pursuant to operative paragraph 13 of resolution 2506 B (XXIV), the text of which appears in paragraph 1 above, consultations with the Organization of African Unity have already begun on the need for the establishment of a radio station for broadcasts to southern Africa, as well as discussions with Member States with a view to facilities being provided at national broadcasting stations for more programmes on apartheid. If paragraph 11 of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee, as set out in the preceding paragraph, is adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would seek to commence steps to implement it in the light of the consultations just mentioned, and he would report to the General Assembly at its next session on the measures taken in this respect.
