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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID

Note by the Secretary-General

- 1. Under article X of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, the States parties to the Convention empower the Commission on Human Rights to undertake a number of tasks enumerated therein and, inter alia, to prepare, on the basis of reports from competent organs of the United Nations and periodic reports from States parties, a list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States which are alleged to be responsible for the crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention, as well as those against whom legal proceedings have been undertaken by States parties to the Convention.
- At its thirty-fifth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 10 (XXXV) of 5 March 1979 by which it took a number of measures to give effect, inter alia, to the provisions of article X of the Convention. In that resolution, the Commission (1) called upon competent United Nations organs to provide to the Commission, through the Secretary-General, information relevant to the periodic compilation of the list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States alleged to be responsible for crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention, as well as those against whom legal proceedings have been undertaken by States parties to the Convention; (2) called once again upon competent United Nations organs to provide to the Commission, through the Secretary-General, information concerning measures taken by the authorities responsible for the administration of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, and all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 applies, with regard to individuals alleged to be responsible for crimes under article II of the Convention who are believed to be under their territorial and administrative jurisdiction; and (3) decided to maintain on its agenda as a standing item the question entitled "Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid".
- 3. The necessary arrangements were made by the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the following competent organs of the United Nations the text of Commission resolution 10 (XXXV) and the requests for information contained therein: