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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

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Question of Antarctica

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/83 B of 7 December 1988 and 44/124 of 15 December 1989,

Having considered the item entitled "Question of Antarctica",

Noting with regret that the racist apartheid régime of South Africa, which has been suspended from participation in the General Assembly of the United Nations, has continued to participate in the meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties,

Recalling the resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fiftieth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 17 to 22 July 1989, 1/

Recalling also the relevant paragraphs of the final documents adopted by the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989, 2/

* Submitted on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ See A/44/603, annex I.

2/ A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

Recalling further that the Antarctic Treaty 3/ is, by its terms, intended to further the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the policy of apartheid practised by the racist minority régime of South Africa, which has been universally condemned, constitutes a threat to regional and international peace and security,

1. Views with concern the continuing participation of the apartheid régime of South Africa in the meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties;
2. Appeals once again to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to take urgent measures to exclude the racist apartheid régime of South Africa from participation in the meetings of the Consultative Parties at the earliest possible date;
3. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 4/ and expresses deep concern that the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties have consistently failed to respond to the repeated request by the General Assembly, through the Co-ordinator State, to submit information on the measures taken by the said parties in accordance with paragraph 2 of the present resolution;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report in this regard to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, taking into account the concerns expressed in paragraph 3 of the present resolution;
5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of Antarctica".

3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 402, No. 5778.

4/ A/45/458.