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United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa was established in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2054 B (XX) of 15 December 1965. It is made up of voluntary contributions from States, organizations and individuals and is used for grants to voluntary organizations, Governments of host countries of refugees from South Africa and other appropriate bodies. The purposes for which the grants are made were revised by paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2397 (XXIII) of 2 December 1968, as follows:

- "(a) Legal assistance to persons persecuted under the repressive and discriminatory legislation of South Africa;
- "(b) Relief to such persons and their dependants;
- "(c) Education of such persons and their dependants;
- "(d) Relief for refugees from South Africa."

2. Since the last report of the Secretary-General,^{1/} dated 17 October 1969, the Trust Fund has received contributions from twenty-one Governments of Member States, totalling \$218,232, as follows:

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/7715.

(United States dollars)

Austria	5,000
Belgium	20,092
Bulgaria	1,000
Cyprus	120
Denmark	60,012
Finland	10,000
Iran	5,000
Iraq	1,400
Ireland	3,000
Italy	2,500
Jamaica	840
Liberia	1,000
Morocco	4,024
Netherlands	15,000
Nigeria	1,400
Norway	25,052
Pakistan	3,000
Somalia	502
Sweden	57,665
Trinidad and Tobago	625
Yugoslavia	1,000

3. In addition, the following pledges from Governments are outstanding:

(United States dollars)

Austria	5,000
Japan	10,000
Liberia	5,000

4. In accordance with the decisions of the Committee of Trustees, four further grants, totalling \$216,000, have been made from the Trust Fund.

5. In pursuance of paragraph 12 of resolution 2 (XXIII), adopted by the Commission on Human Rights on 6 March 1967, a register was opened at United Nations

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Headquarters on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the receipt of contributions from the public for the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa and the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for southern Africa. Contributions totalling \$147.94 were received for the Trust Fund from the registers. In addition, the Fund has received contributions of \$300 through an Ad Hoc Committee on Human Rights formed by a group of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and 627 dinars (\$50.16) from the Youth Tribunal of the Djuro Kosanovic High School, Ogulin, Yugoslavia.

6. The total of contributions to the Trust Fund since its inception is \$1,081,720 and the total amount of grants is \$1,000,400, leaving a balance of \$81,320.

7. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith (see annex) the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa on its work since the last report.

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ANNEX

Report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund
for South Africa

1. During the past year, Mr. Sverker C. Åström, the member nominated by Sweden, was replaced by Mr. Olof Rydbeck. The present composition of the Committee is as follows:

Mr. E.O. Ogbu (Nigeria), Acting Chairman
Mr. Ahmed Taïbi Benhima (Morocco)
Mr. José Piñera (Chile)
Mr. Olof Rydbeck (Sweden)
Mr. Agha Shahi (Pakistan)

2. The Committee has continued its work along the lines indicated in its previous reports and in statements by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman in the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.^{a/}

3. During the year, the Committee has received a slightly larger amount of contributions than in the previous year. The Committee has decided on four grants from the Trust Fund for the purposes within its terms of reference, as revised by General Assembly resolution 2397 (XXIII), as follows:

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Amount in United States dollars</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
24	10 April 1970	5,000	(a)
25	10 April 1970	75,000	(b) and (c)
26	10 April 1970	52,000	(d)
27	10 April 1970	84,000	(a) to (d)

In making these grants, the Committee took fully into account the desires of donors wishing to earmark their contributions, namely, Belgium and the Netherlands.

4. The Committee has noted the communications to it and other available information on direct contributions by Member States to voluntary organizations

^{a/} A/SPC/PV.598 and 613. Reference is also made to the articles on the Trust Fund by the Chairman of the Committee in the UN Monthly Chronicle, February 1969, and in Objective: Justice, July, 1970.

and has taken them into account in the discharge of its terms of reference. The following were brought to its notice:

(a) Denmark: The Government of Denmark, on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1970, announced its intention, as in previous years, to contribute to a number of funds and institutions working for the improvement of conditions for persons suffering under racial discrimination and apartheid.

(b) Sweden: The Government of Sweden decided, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1970, to make a contribution of \$50,000 to voluntary organizations active in providing relief and assistance to the victims of apartheid.

5. The Committee is obliged to note once again that the financial requirements of voluntary organizations for purposes within the terms of reference of the Trust Fund have continued to increase because of the continued discriminatory and repressive actions of the Government of South Africa, notably the persecution of persons under the Suppression of Communism Act and the Terrorism Act. The contributions to the Trust Fund have not, however, increased substantially, so that it has not been able adequately to meet the pressing needs. The balance in the Fund is at a very low level. The Committee, therefore, hopes that more generous contributions will be forthcoming from a greater number of States, organizations and individuals to the Trust Fund, and directly to voluntary organizations, to enable them to meet the pressing needs.

6. In this connexion, the Committee notes that several Member States have made contributions for this purpose on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, considering it an appropriate opportunity for such contributions. The Committee hopes that all Member States and organizations would consider annual special contributions on the International Day.

7. The Committee draws particular attention to the fact that 1971 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. It would hope that Member States, organizations and individuals would consider generous contributions to the Trust Fund during

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the Year, so that the Fund can meet the increasing needs and maintain an adequate reserve for emergencies.

8. The Committee expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken, in response to its request, for wider dissemination of information on the continued repression of opponents of apartheid by the South African Government and the increasing hardships faced by the victims of repression and their families. The Committee feels that the dissemination of such information should be further expanded in order to encourage organizations and individuals to contribute to the Fund and to voluntary organizations engaged in relief to victims of apartheid, and thereby demonstrate their concern over the situation.

9. Finally, the Committee wishes, once again, to express its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his unfailing encouragement and assistance in its work. It also wishes to express its appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to the voluntary organizations concerned, for their continued co-operation.
