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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 3 December 1980 from the Chairman of the Special
Committee against Apartheid to the Secretary-General

I enclose herewith a copy of a declaration made by the African National Congress of South Africa to the International Committee of the Red Cross at Geneva on 28 November 1980, concerning its adherence to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Additional Protocol I of 1977 relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts.

I request that it be published as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 28.

(Signed) B. Akporode CLARK
Chairman of the
Special Committee against Apartheid

ANNEX

Declaration of the African National Congress of South Africa
made to the International Committee of the Red Cross at
Geneva on 28 November 1980

1. It is the conviction of the African National Congress of South Africa that international rules protecting the dignity of human beings must be upheld at all times. Therefore, and for humanitarian reasons, the African National Congress of South Africa hereby declares that, in the conduct of the struggle against apartheid and racism and for self-determination in South Africa, it intends to respect and be guided by the general principles of humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts.
2. Wherever practically possible, the African National Congress of South Africa will endeavour to respect the rules of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 for the victims of armed conflicts and the 1977 Additional Protocol I relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts. a/

a/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.