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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

31 August 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith the report adopted on 31 August 1981 by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against Apartheid in Sports.

This report is submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the relevant provisions of Assembly resolutions 31/6 F of 9 November 1976 and 35/206 M of 16 December 1980.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Besley MAYCOCK
Chairman of the
Ad Hoc Committee on the
Drafting of an International
Convention against Apartheid
in Sports

His Excellency
Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SPORTS

1. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against Apartheid in Sports was established by the General Assembly under resolution 31/76 F of 9 November 1976 in which the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Ad Hoc Committee:

(a) To prepare a draft declaration on apartheid in sports, as an interim measure, and to submit it to the Assembly at its thirty-second session;

(b) To undertake preparatory steps towards the drafting of an international convention against apartheid in sports and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

2. The General Assembly, in resolution 32/105 M of 14 December 1977, adopted and proclaimed the International Declaration against Apartheid in Sports recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and requested the Ad Hoc Committee to draft an international convention against apartheid in sports.

3. In resolution 35/206 M of 16 December 1980, the General Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work with a view of submitting a draft convention to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session. The revised draft of the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports is reproduced in annex 1.

4. The Ad Hoc Committee is now composed of the following 24 Member States:

Algeria
Barbados
Canada
Congo
German Democratic Republic
Ghana
Guinea
Haiti
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Jamaica

Malaysia
Nepal
Nigeria
Peru
Philippines
Somalia
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Trinidad and Tobago
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
United Republic of Tanzania
Yugoslavia

The representatives of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the two South African liberation movements recognized by OAU - the African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania - attend the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee as observers.

5. At its 13th meeting, on 5 February 1981, the Ad Hoc Committee unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. E.B. Maycock (Barbados)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. L. Hadas (Hungary)
Mr. K. P. Gyawali (Nepal)
Mr. Crispin Duncan Mbapila (United Republic of Tanzania)

Rapporteur: Mr. Stafford Neil (Jamaica)

6. At that meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee set up a working group and requested it to begin consultations on the draft convention and to report back to the Ad Hoc Committee for consideration. The Working Group was composed of the following members: Barbados, Hungary, Jamaica, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Somalia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and United Republic of Tanzania.

7. A delegation of the Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Mr. E. B. Maycock (Chairman), Mr. Laszlo Hadas (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Kumar Prasad Gyawali (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Stafford Neil (Rapporteur) and Mr. George Mwanjabala (United Republic of Tanzania), held consultations with the executive committee of the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa from 17 to 20 December 1980 in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

8. Another delegation, consisting of Mr. E. B. Maycock (Chairman), Mr. Crispin Duncan Mbapila (Vice-Chairman) and Mr. Stafford Neil (Rapporteur), attended the International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa, held in Paris from 20 to 27 May 1981. In pursuance of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 35/206 M, the delegation held consultations during the conference with a number of organizations, sports bodies and individuals concerned with apartheid in sports. These organizations included the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, the American Co-ordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society, the New Zealand Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement, as well as individuals and experts such as representative of the International Olympic Committee.

9. In accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 35/206 M, the Secretary-General sent the text of the revised draft of the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports to all Member States for their comments and views. As at 25 August 1981, replies were received from 20 States which the Ad Hoc Committee in Sports took into consideration in the preparation of this report. The replies of States are published in document A/AC.192/L.3.

10. In their replies all Governments expressed their abhorrence of apartheid and their total commitment to the principle of non-discrimination in sport. Most of them stressed the need for effective measures for eradicating apartheid and felt that the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports will contribute towards that end by setting out the obligations which States parties must fulfil in order to abolish all manifestations of apartheid in sports.

11. Taking into account proposed amendments to the draft convention, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to consider the addition of a preamble to the Convention after the completion of drafting all the articles of the Convention. The proposed preamble should include the reaffirmation of the aim of the Convention to combat apartheid in sports.

12. As regards article 10 of the draft, the Ad Hoc Committee considered several proposals and in particular the suggestion for the expansion of the mandate of the International Commission to be established under article 11 so that it can decide on action to be taken against teams and individuals from States not parties to the Convention who violate the boycott of apartheid sport. It felt that further consultations on this article may enable it to reach a consensus.

13. The Committee recommends, therefore, that its mandate should be extended in order to continue its work with a view to submitting a draft convention to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

ANNEX

Revised draft of the International Convention against
Apartheid in Sports

Article 1

For this Convention:

(a) The expression "apartheid" means a system of institutionalized racial segregation and discrimination for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over another racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them, such as that pursued in southern Africa. "Apartheid in sports" is the application of the policies and practices of such a system in sports activities whether organized on a professional or an amateur basis;

(b) The expression "national sports facilities" means any sports facility operated within the framework of a sports programme conducted under the auspices of a national government;

(c) The expression "Olympic principle" refers to the principle that no discrimination be allowed on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation;

(d) The expression "sports contract" means any contract concluded for the organization, promotion, performance or derivative rights, including servicing, of any sports activity;

(e) The expression "sportsmen" means sportsmen and sportswomen.

Article 2

States Parties condemn apartheid and undertake to pursue by all appropriate means and without delay a policy of eliminating the practice of apartheid in all its forms from the field of sports.

Article 3

States Parties shall not permit sports contact with a country practising apartheid and shall take appropriate action to ensure that their sports teams, sports bodies and individual sportsmen do not have such contact.

Article 4

States Parties shall establish national regulations and guidelines against sports contact with a country practising apartheid and shall ensure that effective means exist for bringing about compliance with such regulations and guidelines.

Article 5

States Parties shall refuse to provide financial or other assistance to enable their sports bodies, teams or individual sportsmen to participate in sports activities in a country practising apartheid or with teams or individual sportsmen selected on the basis of apartheid.

Article 6

Each State Party shall take appropriate action against its sports teams, sports bodies and individual sportsmen that participate in sports activities in a country practising apartheid or with teams from a country practising apartheid, which in particular shall include:

- (a) Refusal to provide financial or other assistance for any purpose to such sports bodies, teams and individual sportsmen;
- (b) Withdrawal of access to national sports facilities to such sports bodies, teams or individual sportsmen;
- (c) Non-enforceability of all professional sports contracts which involve sports activities in a country practising apartheid, or with teams or individual sportsmen selected on the basis of apartheid;
- (d) Denial and withdrawal of national honours or awards in the field of sports to such teams or individual sportsmen;
- (e) Denial of official receptions in honour of such teams or sportsmen.

Article 7

States Parties shall deny visas and/or entry to representatives of sports bodies, members of teams or individual sportsmen from a country practising apartheid.

Article 8

States Parties shall take all appropriate action to secure the expulsion of a country practising apartheid from international and regional sports bodies.

Article 9

States Parties shall use their best endeavours to prevent international sports bodies from imposing financial or other penalties on affiliated bodies which, in accordance with United Nations resolutions, the provisions of this Convention and the spirit of the Olympic principle, refuse to participate in sports with a country practising apartheid.

Article 10 A

States Parties shall use their best endeavours to ensure compliance with the Olympic principle of non-discrimination and the provisions of this Convention and, to this end, they shall take all necessary action to ensure that their nations refrain from participating in all sports events which include individuals or teams from a country practising apartheid.

Article 10 B

States Parties shall use their best endeavours to ensure compliance with the Olympic principle of non-discrimination and the provisions of this Convention and, to this end, they shall take all necessary action to ensure that their nationals refrain from participating in all sports events with or which include individuals or teams from a country practising apartheid or from a country which include individuals or teams that engage in sports activities with teams and individuals from a country practising apartheid.

Article 11

1. There shall be established an International Commission against Apartheid in Sports (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) consisting of representatives of five States Parties appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in consultation with the States Parties and on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

2. The initial appointment of the members of the Commission shall be made within six months of the entry into force of this Convention.

3. The members of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of three years. They shall be eligible for reappointment. Appointments at the expiry of office shall be in accordance with the provision of this article.

Article 12

1. States Parties undertake to submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, for consideration by the Commission, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures which they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of this Convention within one year of the entry into force of the Convention and thereafter every two years. The Commission may request further information from the States Parties.

2. The Commission shall report annually through the Secretary-General to the General Assembly of the United Nations on its activities and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from the States Parties. Such suggestions and recommendations shall be reported to the General Assembly together with comments, if any, from States Parties concerned.

Article 13

1. Any State Party to the Convention may at any time declare that it recognizes the competence of the Commission to receive and examine the complaints concerning breaches of the provisions of this Convention submitted by States Parties which have also made such a declaration. The Commission may decide on the appropriate measures to be taken in respect of breaches.

2. States Parties against which a complaint has been made, in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, shall be entitled to send a representative to take part in the proceedings of the Commission.

Article 14

1. The Commission shall meet at least once a year.
2. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure.
3. The Secretariat of the Commission shall be provided by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
4. The meetings of the Commission shall normally be held at United Nations Headquarters.
5. The Secretary-General shall convene the initial meeting of the Commission.

Article 15

Disputes between States Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Convention which have not been settled by negotiation shall be brought before the International Court of Justice at the request and with the mutual consent of the States Parties to the disputes, save where the parties to the disputes have agreed on some other form of settlement.

Article 16

This Convention is open for signature by all States. Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force may accede to it.

Article 17

1. This Convention is subject to ratification. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General.

Article 18

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.
2. For each State ratifying this Convention or acceding to it after the deposit of the twentieth instrument of ratification or instrument of accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit of its own instrument of ratification or instrument of accession.

Article 19

A State Party may withdraw from this Convention by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Such withdrawal shall take effect one year after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General.

Article 20

1. A request for the revision of this Convention may be made at any time by any State Party by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The General Assembly of the United Nations shall decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such request.

Article 21

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States of the following particulars:

- (a) Signatures, ratifications and accessions under articles 16 and 17;
- (b) Date of entry into force of this Convention under article 18;
- (c) Withdrawals under article 19;
- (d) Notifications under article 20.

Article 22

1. This Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies of this Convention to all States.

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