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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, established in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2054 B (XX) of 15 December 1965, is made up of voluntary contributions from States, organizations and individuals, Governments of countries acting as hosts to refugees from South Africa, and other appropriate bodies, to be used for the following purposes:

- (a) Legal assistance to persons persecuted under 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;
- (e) Relief and assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in Namibia.

2. In resolution 35/206 R of 16 December 1980, the General Assembly recognized the need for increased contributions to the Trust Fund and to the voluntary agencies concerned, to enable them to meet the increased needs for humanitarian and legal assistance. It commended the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa for their efforts to promote humanitarian and legal assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa and Namibia, as well as assistance to their families and to refugees from South Africa. It also expressed its

appreciation to the Governments, organizations and individuals that had contributed to the Trust Fund and to the voluntary agencies engaged in rendering humanitarian and legal assistance to the victims of apartheid and racial discrimination.

3. Since the date of the last report of the Secretary-General on the subject (A/35/509), the Trust Fund has received contributions totalling \$US 2,013,705, as follows:

Australia	25 595
Austria	34 500
Barbados	500
Brazil	10 000
Canada	16 667
China	20 000
Denmark	261 011
Finland	96 061
France	45 045
Germany, Federal Republic of	60 398
Greece	4 500
Hungary	2 500
Iceland	4 400
India	2 000
Iran	4 000
Iraq	10 000
Ireland	18 963
Jamaica	392
Japan	40 000
Malaysia	1 000
Mexico	989
Netherlands	85 349
Nigeria	40 000
Norway	281 963
Pakistan	3 000
Philippines	5 000
Singapore	500
Suriname	1 000
Sweden	492 505
Syrian Arab Republic	1 000
Trinidad and Tobago	1 250
Turkey	1 000
United Republic of Cameroon	13 921
United States of America	400 000
Yugoslavia	4 000
Zambia	24 696
	<u>2 013 705</u>

4. The following pledges from Governments are outstanding:

Brazil	10 000
Haiti	1 000
Iraq	10 000
Italy	5 000
Morocco	4 000
Netherlands	96 983
Singapore	500
Tunisia	50 000
Turkey	1 000
Venezuela	<u>1 000</u>
	<u>179 483</u>

5. The total income to the Trust Fund since its inception, including interest, is \$13,597,320 and the total amount of grants is \$13,010,929, ^{1/} leaving a balance of \$586,391 as at 30 September 1981.

6. In accordance with decisions of the Committee of Trustees, nine grants totalling \$2,510,000 have been made from the Trust Fund in the period under review.

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

^{1/} Including a loss of \$39,369 incurred as a result of fluctuating exchange rates, as reported by the Office of Financial Services.

ANNEX

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

1. The Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa is composed of the following members:

Mr. Anders Thunborg (Sweden), Chairman
Alhaji Yusuf Maitama-Sule (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman
Mr. Manuel Trucco (Chile)
Mr. Mehdi Mrani Zentar (Morocco)
Mr. Niaz Ahmed Naik (Pakistan)

2. Since the date of the last report (A/35/509), the Committee has decided on nine grants from the Trust Fund for purposes within its terms of reference as laid down in General Assembly resolutions 2397 (XXIII) of 2 December 1968 and 2671 E (XXV) of 8 December 1970, as follows:

<u>Grant number</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Amount</u> (US dollars)	<u>Purpose a/</u>
96	5 February 1981	300 000	(a) to (e)
97	12 May 1981	800 000	(a) to (e)
98	12 May 1981	200 000	(b) and (c)
99	12 May 1981	250 000	(d)
100	12 May 1981	100 000	(a)
101	8 July 1981	70 000	(a)
102	9 October 1981	40 000	(a) and (b)
103	9 October 1981	600 000	(a) to (e)
104	9 October 1981	150 000	(a)

a/ For the list of purposes, see paragraph 1 of the report of the Secretary-General given above.

In making the grants, the Committee took fully into account the desires of donors who wished to earmark their contributions for specific purposes within the terms of reference of the Trust Fund.

3. The Committee has continued to encourage direct contributions to voluntary organizations engaged in providing assistance to the victims of apartheid and racial discrimination in South Africa and Namibia. It has been informed that direct contributions were made to the International Defence and Aid Fund for

Southern Africa by the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, India, the Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, and the United States of America, and by the European Economic Community. Direct contributions were made to the World Council of Churches by Denmark and Greece.

4. The needs for legal and humanitarian assistance have continued to increase because of the continued repression in South Africa and Namibia. A large number of individuals faced persecution as a result of the nation-wide protests in South Africa in May during the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Republic, school boycotts, strikes of workers and community protests against increases in rents and bus fares. There was also a series of new trials under the Terrorism Act and on charges of treason. A number of journalists have been placed under restriction or have lost employment in the aftermath of a strike by the Media Workers' Association.

5. A particularly alarming development was the imposition of the death sentence in political trials. In November 1980, three members of the African National Congress (ANC) - Meimbithi Johnson Lubisi, Naphtali Manana and Petrus Tsepo Mashigo - were sentenced to death. On 19 August 1981, three other members of ANC - Anthony B. Tsotsobe, Johannes Shabangu and David Moise - were sentenced to death. Both these cases are now under appeal. The Committee expresses grave concern over the precedents that may be set by these trials and over the repercussions that would be likely to result from executions.

6. A large number of trade unionists have been persecuted in connexion with strikes and other activities. Among those on trial is Oscar Mpetha, a veteran trade-union leader, who is more than 70 years old.

7. The Committee also expresses grave concern over the moves of the Government to intimidate Bishop Desmond Tutu, the South African Council of Churches and others engaged in humanitarian assistance to victims of apartheid.

8. In the light of these developments, the Committee strongly feels that additional efforts should be made to promote greater contributions to the Trust Fund and to voluntary organizations providing assistance to the victims of repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa and Namibia.

9. The Committee wishes once again to express its appreciation and gratitude to the Secretary-General for his encouragement and assistance. 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.