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AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID

Reports submitted by States parties under
article VII of the Convention

Addendum

CAPE VERDE

[25 June 1982]

1 (a) and (b). From a strictly legal standpoint no measure has been taken.

Under the internal legal system of the Republic of Cape Verde, racist behaviour is not defined as a crime.

Work on the preparation of the special part of the Criminal Code of Cape Verde is to start shortly, when this matter will duly be taken into account.

From a political standpoint, the Cape Verdean Party and State have always condemned racism and apartheid and regarded racism, in all its forms, as inhuman, odious and criminal.

A campaign to combat racism and apartheid has been organized and includes radio programmes, lectures and exhibitions, the publication of articles in the press and the issuing of stamps.

2 (a) and (b). In addition to what is stated in paragraph 1 of this report, it should be noted that the special part of the Criminal Code of Cape Verde will take account of the fact that there is no racist behaviour in Cape Verde society.

2 (c). So far, there is no law on extradition. In any event, since Cape Verdean criminal law is governed by the maxim nulum crimen nulla poena sine lege, the internal application of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid will always depend on the provisions contained in the Criminal Code of Cape Verde.

In any case, under article XXXVII of the Constitution of the Republic of Cape Verde, "a citizen of the country may on no account be extradited".