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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 15 February 1983 from the Permanent Representative
of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

At the request of my Government, I have the honour to enclose a statement containing the views of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago concerning the visit to South Africa of a team of West Indian cricketers.

It would be appreciated if this statement could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 32 of the preliminary list.

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Permanent Representative

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Statement made to Parliament on 14 January 1983 by the
Minister of Sport, Culture and Youth Affairs of
Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. Speaker, I have been authorized by the Cabinet to make the following statement:-

Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday considered the reported visit to South Africa of a team of West Indian Cricketers which includes one member who is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago.

Honourable Members and indeed all citizens of Trinidad and Tobago are undoubtedly aware of the consistent opposition of this Government to the policy and practice of apartheid in South Africa and indeed wherever this pernicious system rears its ugly head. It is in furtherance of this policy objective that Trinidad and Tobago has taken the decision to boycott all sporting activities with South Africa.

This policy of the Government has been fully publicised and in addition has been conveyed to all National Sporting Organizations.

As recently as September 17, 1982, I advised this House of the withdrawal of a Trinidad and Tobago National Team from the World Golf Tournament in Switzerland. This was done at the instance of the Government when it was learnt that a team from South Africa was included among the participants.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has noted with satisfaction the fact that the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control had issued a statement in September 1982 indicating that the following sanctions would be imposed on persons who played cricket in South Africa:

- "1. They will be debarred from playing cricket in Trinidad and Tobago under the auspices of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control or in any competition sanctioned by the said Board.
2. All registered players of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control will be prohibited from playing with or against them.
3. They will be ineligible to play for Trinidad and Tobago in any competition, goodwill or otherwise and in particular in tournaments under the auspices of, or sanctioned by, the West Indies Cricket Board of Control."

Two weeks ago the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control publicly reaffirmed that stand in an attempt to remind all players involved of this position.

In all these circumstances, Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform you that the Cabinet has decided that any non national who is a member of the team currently visiting South Africa will not be welcome repeated will not be welcomed in Trinidad and Tobago, and in this regard appropriate steps will be taken.

Additionally, the Hon. Prime Minister has authorised me to announce that, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 10(2) and 15(c) of the Constitution of the Order of the Trinity contained in the Schedule to the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Ch. 1:01, he has advised His Excellency the President of the Republic that any national awards which have been conferred on any person or persons who participate in or benefit directly from the tour of South Africa should be revoked and the name or names of such persons be expunged from the National Honours List.
