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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

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[29 June 1988]

1. Despite the very technical nature of its scope of activities and its limited resources, the Universal Postal Union (UPU), for its part, has always made a modest contribution in so far as possible to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, including Namibia.
2. In the specific case of Namibia, the International Bureau of UPU drafted two proposals in 1981 for this country, the first concerning the strengthening of postal administration structures and the second concerning staff training. These proposals, an English version of which was sent to the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and the then Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Africa, unfortunately were not so well received as had been expected. However, UPU is prepared to update, resubmit and, where appropriate, implement them in the context of the aforementioned resolution, in collaboration with the United Nations Council for Namibia, the United Nations Institute for Namibia and UNDP.
3. Meanwhile, UPU is prepared to study the possibility of granting, under the UPU programme, short-term postal training fellowships to future Namibian cadres.
4. With regard to the participation of the United Nations Council for Namibia in the work of UPU organs (General Assembly resolution 42/14 C, paras. 10 to 12), the Agreement between the United Nations and UPU provides that representatives of the Organization shall be invited to attend the Congresses, Administrative Conferences and Committees of the Union, and to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of these meetings.

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[15 July 1988]

1. Pursuant to article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and UPU, a report on action taken by the International Bureau to follow up United Nations recommendations concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies, together with the resolutions regarding the implementation of the Declaration on decolonization, certain parts of which relate to the specialized agencies, were submitted to the Executive Council at its April-May 1988 session.
2. At its meeting of 2 May 1988, the Executive Council took note of the report and resolutions in question, which are contained in document CE 1988-Doc 3/Annex 1.
3. In addition, the following information should be noted with regard to postal technical assistance provided by UPU to refugees and Non-Self-Governing Territories, and to newly independent countries:

I. Assistance to refugees and Non-Self-Governing Territories

The assistance described below was provided:

A. Activities financed by UPU

1. African refugees

One fellowship for the three-month general postal training course at Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany, from 7 April to 1 July 1988 (UPU Special Fund).

2. Caribbean Territories

Anguilla, Virgin Islands: One fellowship for participation in the meeting of the postmasters-general at Georgetown.

II. Assistance to newly independent countries

The assistance described below was provided to the following countries:

A. Under programmes financed by UPU

1. Pacific countries

(a) Solomon Islands:

- One nine-week fellowship for participation in one of the courses held at the Asian-Pacific Postal Training Centre (APPTC), Bangkok;
- Operational materials.

(b) Tuvalu:

- One 10-week fellowship for participation in the course held at APPTC, Bangkok;
- One 24-week fellowship for participation in the course held at APPTC, Bangkok.

(c) Kiribati: One 10-week fellowship for participation in one of the courses held at APPTC, Bangkok.

2. Countries of the Caribbean subregion

Dominica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: One fellowship for participation in the meeting of the postmasters-general at Georgetown.

3. Pacific countries

(a) Solomon Islands: One eight-week fellowship for participation in the training course at Malé.

(b) Kiribati:

- One eight-week fellowship for participation in the training course at Malé;

- One eight-week fellowship for participation in the training course at Rajshahi.

(c) Tuvalu:

- One eight-week fellowship for participation in the postal training course at Malé;

- One six-week fellowship for participation in the postal training course at Rajshahi.

(d) Vanuatu: One eight-week fellowship for participation in the training course at Malé.

4. African countries

Zimbabwe: Fellowships for travel to the seminar on international expedited mail (EMS) at Potomac, United States, and to the colloquium on postal operations and management strategies at Beijing.

B. Activities financed by UNDP

1. African countries

Zimbabwe: consultant's mission relating to EMS under project RAS/81/054, 17 March to 15 April 1988.

2. Arab countries

Djibouti:

- Three consultant's missions lasting a total of seven months;
- One 18-month mission by a United Nations Volunteer (UNV);
- Two fellowships lasting a total of 5 1/2 months for participation in courses held in France.

3. Asian and Pacific countries

(a) Solomon Islands: one two-month consultant's mission under regional project RAS/86/174.

(b) Kiribati: One two-month consultant's mission under regional project RAS/86/172.

(c) Vanuatu:

- One two-month consultant's mission under regional project RAS/86/172;
- Provision of operational materials under project RAS/86/172.

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

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[20 July 1988]

Further to his letter of 4 April 1988 concerning General Assembly resolution 42/75 and with reference to Assembly resolution 42/14 A to E concerning the question of Namibia, in particular paragraph 15 of resolution 42/14 E, the High Commissioner wishes to assure you of his determination to do all within his power in order to expand UNHCR assistance in the provision of the basic needs of refugees.
