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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 42/46 A of 30 November 1987, the General Assembly, inter alia, viewed with concern the continuing participation of the apartheid régime of South Africa in the meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, 1/ and appealed once again to the Consultative Parties to take urgent measures to exclude the racist apartheid régime of South Africa from participation in their meetings at the earliest possible date.
2. In the resolution the General Assembly also invited the States parties to the Antarctic Treaty to inform the Secretary-General on the actions taken regarding the provisions of the resolution, and requested him to report in this regard to the Assembly at its forty-third session.
3. In accordance with resolution 42/46 A, the Secretary-General, on 26 February 1988, addressed a note verbale to the States parties to the Antarctic Treaty, requesting them to reply in pursuance of paragraph 3 of resolution 42/46 A as soon as possible, but not later than 30 April 1988.
4. On 12 May 1988, a communication was received from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, acting on behalf of States parties to the Antarctic Treaty. The communication, dated 12 May 1988, reads as follows:

"The Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations acting on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty ... has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note of 29 February 1988 with reference to General Assembly resolution 42/46 A of 30 November 1987 on the question of Antarctica.

\* A/43/150.

"The Permanent Representative of Australia has the honour to recall that his note No. 66/87 of 2 July 1987 on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, was concerned with the same question. This note continues fully to reflect their position. ..."

5. The note to which the Permanent Representative of Australia makes reference is reproduced in the previous report of the Secretary-General (A/42/587).

#### Notes

1/ The States parties to the Antarctic Treaty are the following (underlining indicates consultative status): Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.

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