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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION S/4300

1. By the resolution which the Security Council adopted on 1 April 1960, it requested the Secretary-General "in consultation with the Government of the Union of South Africa, to make such arrangements as would adequately help in upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter and to report to the Security Council whenever necessary and appropriate".
2. In his interim report of 19 April 1960 (S/4305), the Secretary-General informed the Security Council that after an exchange of communications between the Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa and himself, through the Permanent Representative of the Union Government, he had accepted a proposal of the Union Government that preliminary consultations between the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and himself should be held in London after the conclusion of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, probably in early May 1960.
3. It will be recalled that paragraph 5 of the interim report stated that:

"The consultations rendered necessary by the provisions of paragraph 5 of the Security Council's resolution of 1 April 1960 will be undertaken on the basis of the authority of the Secretary-General under the Charter. It is agreed between the Government of the Union of South Africa and myself that consent of the Union Government to discuss the Security Council's resolution with the Secretary-General would not require prior recognition from the Union Government of the United Nations authority."

4. In his second interim report of 11 October 1960 (S/4551), the Secretary-General informed the Security Council that during the preliminary discussions which took place in London on 13 and 14 May 1960 between the Secretary-General and the Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa, it was agreed that the basis for future discussions would flow from paragraph 5 of the interim report and that agreement had also been reached on the character and course of the further consultations to take place in Pretoria. It was also stated that

no mutually acceptable arrangement has been found. In the view of the Secretary-General this lack of agreement is not conclusive and he wishes to give the matter his further consideration.

10. The exchange of views in general has served a most useful purpose. The Secretary-General does not consider the consultations as having come to an end, and he looks forward to their continuation at an appropriate time with a view to further efforts from his side to find an adequate solution for the aforementioned problem.

11. The Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa has indicated that further consideration will be given to questions raised in the course of the talks and has stated that "the Union Government, having found the talks with the Secretary-General useful and constructive, have decided to invite him at an appropriate time, or times, to visit the Union again in order that the present contact may be continued".

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