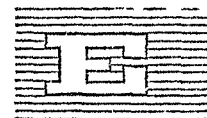


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Addendum

PHILIPPINES

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I wish to inform you that the Philippines, a State party to the Convention, has promulgated Presidential Decree 1350-A penalizing the crime of racism and racial discrimination. However, it should be borne in mind that racial discrimination does not exist in the Philippines and the promulgation of the decree is merely an expression of concrete support for the implementation of the Convention.

Further, I wish to draw attention to the attached seventh periodic report of the Philippines on the status of implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹ particularly page 7 which contains measures undertaken by the Philippines to suppress the practice of apartheid, as follows:

1. The Philippines has no diplomatic relations with South Africa whatsoever;
2. The Philippine Government has never practised apartheid nor adopted any racial or segregationist policies. Neither has any crime of apartheid been committed in the Philippines. Nevertheless, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is conducting a study on what recommendations should be made to appropriate authorities, for the adoption of legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures to give effect to the provisions of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;
3. Contributions to the specialized funds and activities in furtherance of the international struggle against apartheid such as the Support and Solidarity Fund for the Liberation of Southern Africa; the United Nations Fund for Namibia; Institute for Namibia in Lusaka; United Nations Fund for the "Front-Line States"; and the Publicity Fund Against Apartheid;
4. The Philippines has no relations whatsoever with the minority and racist regime of South Africa and Namibia, and has diligently observed all United Nations resolutions against South Africa;
5. The Philippines has issued circulars and related instructions to its Foreign Service establishments concerning the ban on travel and commercial relations with South Africa and its nationals;
6. The Philippines has withdrawn or refused to participate in sporting and other international competitions which included the representatives of the apartheid regime in South Africa. For example, in 1977, the Philippine Government withdrew its candidate during the finals in the Miss World contest held in London;
7. The Philippines, in line with its policy against apartheid, conducted a series of conferences/seminars on Apartheid and Decolonization in 1981 such as the Conference of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of South Africa, held in the National Library Auditorium, Rizal Park, Manila, on 30 May 1981; and
8. The Philippines has no commercial relations with South Africa and supports an active and economic embargo against that country.

¹/ Issued as document CERD/C/91/Add.7 copies of which could be made available to the members of the Commission upon request.