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AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID

Reports submitted by States parties under
article VII of the Convention

Addendum

EL SALVADOR

[8 March 1983]

"The Political Constitution of the Republic of El Salvador, in its title on the subject of Individual Rights, provides as follows: 'Art. 150. All men are equal before the law. In the enjoyment of civil rights, no restrictions shall be enacted based on differences of nationality, race, sex or religion.'

As for the application of this rule, in the area covered by the Convention in question, there are no segregationist or racially discriminatory practices or situations in El Salvador, and there is no separation of racial groups. What is more, the secondary rules of Salvadorian legislation and the policies of the Government are in keeping with the constitutional provision quoted above.

Consequently, there has been no need to adopt special legislative, judicial or administrative measures to comply with article IV of the Convention and, furthermore, no difficulties have been encountered in applying that article.

However, it is relevant to point out that in September 1979, El Salvador broke off relations with the Government of South Africa as a sign of its rejection of the intolerable policy of apartheid implanted in that country and also that the said racist policy has, on a number of occasions, been criticized and condemned in statements made by the Heads of State and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador."