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SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID

Views and information submitted by States parties, specialized
agencies and non-governmental organizations in accordance with
Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/8

Note by the Secretary-General

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PANAMA

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1. The Government of the Republic of Panama ratified the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid by means of Act No. 8 of 26 October 1976, which was promulgated in Gaceta Oficial No. 18,279 of 18 February 1977. The Republic of Panama has fully supported all United Nations decisions and resolutions adopted with a view to eradicating the crime of apartheid.

2. A great many races live together in the Republic of Panama and the principle of racial equality has therefore been embodied in the Constitution and the legal system. Article 19 of the Constitution states this principle expressly:

"Article 19: There shall be no personal exemptions or privileges and no discrimination based on race, birth, social class, sex, religion or political ideas."

3. Within the legal system, the Penal Code defines crimes against the international community and guarantees the indestructibility of groups of human beings by stating in article 311:

"Article 311: Anyone who participates in the total or partial destruction of a particular group of human beings, for reasons of their nationality, race or religious or political beliefs, shall be liable to imprisonment for a period of 15 to 20 years."

4. We also wish to point out that the nine reports submitted by the Government of Panama to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination make it clear that the Republic of Panama does not maintain diplomatic or consular relations with the racist South African régime.
