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United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa was established in pursuance of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2054 B (XX) of 15 December 1965. It is made up of voluntary contributions from States, organizations and individuals and is used for grants to voluntary organizations, Governments of host countries of refugees from South Africa and other appropriate bodies. The purposes for which the grants are made were revised by paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2397 (XXIII) of 2 December 1968, as follows:

- (a) Legal assistance to persons persecuted under the repressive and discriminatory legislation of South Africa;
- (b) Relief to such persons and their dependants;
- (c) Education of such persons and their dependants;
- (d) Relief for refugees from South Africa.

2. Since the last report of the Secretary-General,^{1/} dated 15 October 1968, the Trust Fund has received contributions from twenty Governments of Member States, totalling \$221,524, as follows:

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 31, document A/7270.

	<u>(US dollars)</u>
Brazil	2,000
Cyprus	240
Denmark	53,209
Finland	10,000
Ghana	1,000
Iran	3,000
Italy	2,500
Japan	10,000
Malaysia	1,000
Mongolia	500
Morocco	3,972
Nepal	500
Nigeria	1,400
Norway	20,014
Philippines	3,500
Poland	2,000
Sweden	96,689
Tunisia	3,000
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	5,000
United Arab Republic	2,000

3. In addition, the following pledges from Governments are outstanding:

	<u>(US dollars)</u>
Belgium	20,000
Cambodia	2,000
Ireland	1,500
Italy	2,500
Liberia	6,000
Mauritania	2,100

4. In accordance with the decisions of the Committee of Trustees, five further grants, totalling \$251,000, have been made from the Trust Fund.

5. In pursuance of paragraph 12 of resolution 2 (XXIII) adopted by the Commission on Human Rights on 6 March 1967, registers were opened at United Nations

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Headquarters and at the United Nations Information Centre in Manila on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the receipt of contributions from the public for the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa and the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for southern Africa. Contributions totalling \$940 were received for the Trust Fund from the registers. In addition, the Fund has received some direct contributions from the public.

6. The total of contributions to the Trust Fund since its inception is \$856,949 and the total amount of grants is \$784,400, leaving a balance of \$72,549.

7. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, as an annex, the report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa on its work since the last report.

ANNEX

Report of the Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust
Fund for South Africa

1. During the past year, there has been no change in the membership of the Committee of Trustees, which is as follows:

- Mr. Sverker C. Öström (Sweden), Chairman;
- Mr. E.O. Ogbu (Nigeria), Vice-Chairman;
- Mr. Ahmed Taibi Benhima (Morocco);
- Mr. José Piñera (Chile);
- Mr. Agha Shahi (Pakistan).

2. The Committee has continued its work along the lines indicated in its previous reports and in statements by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman in the Special Political Committee of the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.^{a/}

3. During the year, the Committee has received a somewhat larger amount of contributions from a larger number of States. The Committee has decided on five grants from the Trust Fund for the purposes within its terms of reference, as revised by General Assembly resolution 2397 (XXIII), as follows:

<u>Grant No.</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Amount (US dollars)</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
19	8 April 1969	84,000	(a) to (d)
20	8 April 1969	70,000	(b) and (c)
21	8 April 1969	52,000	(d)
22	10 October 1969	40,000	(a)
23	10 October 1969	5,000	(a), (b) and (c)

In making these grants the Committee took fully into account the desires of donors wishing to earmark their contributions, namely Norway and the USSR.

4. The Committee has noted the communications to it and other available information on direct contributions by Member States to voluntary organizations and took them into account in the discharge of its terms of reference. The following were brought to its notice:

^{a/} A/SPC/PV.598 and 613. Reference is also made to the article on the Trust Fund by the Chairman of the Committee in the United Nations Monthly Chronicle, February 1969.

Denmark: The Government of Denmark decided to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1969 by making contributions totalling about \$74,000 to the Defence and Aid Fund, the World Council of Churches and other funds and institutions working for the improvement of conditions for persons suffering under racial discrimination and apartheid;

Greece: The Government of Greece informed the Secretary-General, in a letter dated 21 October 1968, that the Church of Greece had offered a contribution of \$1,000 to the World Council of Churches for its programme of aid to the victims of apartheid. In a letter dated 4 October 1969, it stated that the Church of Greece had offered a further contribution of \$1,000;

Sweden: The Government of Sweden decided, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 1969, to make a contribution of 250,000 kronor (about \$50,000) to the Defence and Aid Fund, London.

5. The Committee notes that the financial requirements of voluntary organizations for purposes within the terms of reference of the Trust Fund have continued to increase because of the continued discriminatory and repressive actions of the Government of South Africa, notably the persecution of persons under the Terrorism Act of 1967. The Committee hopes that more generous contributions will be forthcoming from a greater number of States, organizations and individuals to the Trust Fund, and directly to voluntary organizations, to enable them to meet the pressing needs.

6. In this connexion, the Committee notes that several Member States have made contributions for this purpose on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, considering it an appropriate opportunity for such contributions. It also notes that registers for public contributions were opened at United Nations Headquarters and in Manila on that occasion in 1969. It would suggest that all Member States and organizations consider annual special contributions on the International Day.

7. The Committee draws attention to the fact that the International Day in 1970 coincides with the tenth anniversary of the tragic incident at Sharpeville which that Day commemorates. It would suggest that a special effort be made for generous contributions to the Trust Fund on that occasion and that the Secretary-General might be requested to take appropriate steps to invite such contributions.

8. The Committee feels that special efforts should be made to encourage organizations and individuals to contribute to the Fund and to voluntary organizations engaged in relief to victims of apartheid, and thereby demonstrate their concern over the situation. Towards this end, it would suggest that the Secretary-General be requested to take appropriate steps for wider dissemination of information on the continued repression of opponents of apartheid by the South African Government and the increasing hardships faced by the victims of repression and their families.

9. Finally, the Committee wishes, once again, to express its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his unfailing encouragement and assistance in its work. It also wishes to express its appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to the voluntary organizations concerned, for their continued co-operation.
