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Note by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

By a note dated 3 January 1968, the Secretary-General transmitted resolution 2307 (XXII), adopted by the General Assembly on 13 December 1967 on the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies. He drew particular attention to the provision in operative paragraph 9 inviting all States to encourage the establishment of national organizations for the purpose of enlightening public opinion further on the evils of apartheid and to report annually to the Secretary-General on the progress and activities of such organizations.

The Secretary-General has received communications from five States in response to his note. The substantive parts of these communications are reproduced in section II below.

II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

CYPRUS

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13 March 1968

The provisions of operative paragraphs 6 and 8 of resolution 2307 (XXII) on the policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa have been complied with by the Government of Cyprus since 24 February 1966, in pursuance of resolution 2054 (XX). The Secretary-General had been notified at the time by letter dated 1 April 1966, which was circulated as document A/6296. The Government of Cyprus continues to provide, within its limited potentialities, "appropriate moral, political and material assistance to the people of South Africa in their legitimate struggle for rights recognized in the Charter".

In compliance with operative paragraph 9, the appropriate authorities in Cyprus are in the process of establishing a National Organization "for the purpose of further enlightening public opinion on the evils of apartheid". The Secretary-General will be notified of its composition as soon as it is established.

As regards operative paragraph 10, appropriate steps are being taken in Cyprus for its implementation.

The Permanent Representative of Cyprus wishes to assure the Secretary-General that the Government of Cyprus is exerting all efforts towards the achievement of the aims set forth in this resolution.

DENMARK

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13 September 1968

The Danish Association for International Co-operation (Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke), which is supported by public funds, has been very active in 1967 in its information activities concerning apartheid. For example, this organization published a special edition of its magazine "Kontakt" - which has got a wide

distribution - about conditions in the southern part of Africa and a booklet on the subject. Besides, it arranged a series of lectures on the subject of apartheid throughout the country.

The Danish United Nations Association (Den danske FN-Forening) also carried out an extensive information activity on the question of apartheid through a journal for the members of the Association, through press releases and through study groups, meetings, and week-end courses. An instruction booklet on how to organize a meeting on apartheid for schools and organizations, published in 1965 in co-operation with the United Nations Joint Council of Denmark (Dansk Samråd for de Forenede Nationer) - which is also subsidized by the State - is still widely used.

Several other voluntary organizations like the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Kvindernes Internationale Liga for Fred og Frihed) have dealt with the question of apartheid in study groups, lectures and week-end courses and through publications.

The following voluntary organizations are members of the Danish Committee on Assistance to the Victims of the Aggression of the African Population in the southern part of Africa, set up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and are also active in the field of enlightening public opinion on the question of apartheid:

The South Africa Fund (Sydafrika-fonden)

Joint Council of Danish Youth (Dansk Ungdoms Fællesråd)

The Danish Anti-Apartheid Committee (Den Danske Anti-Apartheidkomite)

The Danish National Church's Relief Organization (Den Danske Folkekirkes Nødhjælp)

Amnesty International

Danish Refugee Council (Dansk Flygtningehjælp)

Joint Council of Danish Students (Danske Studerendes Fællesråd)

International Student Committee of Denmark (Danmarks Internationale Studenterkomite).

Finally, the schools and the mass media (radio, television and Press) have throughout 1967 dealt with the question of apartheid. As an example it can be mentioned that the bi-weekly publication of the Danish co-operative movement "Samvirke" with a circulation of 500,000 in 1967 contained three articles about the evils of apartheid.

NORWAY

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17 September 1968

The Joint Council for Southern Africa is an agency established by Norwegian youth organizations to provide information about the racial policies pursued in southern Africa and to offer assistance to the victims of these policies. The agency's work is supported by a broadly based and non-partisan public opinion, and aims at the realization of full human rights for all inhabitants of southern Africa, regardless of race, colour or political convictions, and at the abolition of segregationist policies in southern Africa.

The methods employed by the Joint Council in its work are set out in its statute, and comprise i.a. the following:

- (a) The provision of direct or indirect financial grants to persons resident or domiciled in southern Africa;
- (b) Factual informative and publicity activities concerning conditions in southern Africa;
- (c) Co-ordination of the Council's activities with those of corresponding national and international organizations, and co-operation with these bodies;
- (d) The promotion of the view that Norway within the United Nations and other international organizations should contribute to bringing an end to the policies of racial segregation in southern Africa, and the encouragement of effective support of decisions of the United Nations Security Council.

PHILIPPINES

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8 March 1968

An appropriate Committee of the Philippine Government will consider the establishment of the national organization envisaged in operative paragraph 9 of the aforesaid resolution for the purpose of enlightening public opinion further on the evils of apartheid.

SWEDEN

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The evils of apartheid have for several years been a matter of the greatest concern to Swedish public opinion. A large number of private national and local organizations are actively engaged in providing information on this problem. Some of these have been established for that specific purpose, while others have included such work in their other activities. The apartheid problem is further given wide coverage in the Press and other media. The amount of Swedish and foreign literature available on this topic in book stores, at news-stands, etc. is considerable.

It is apparent from the above that Swedish public opinion pays great attention to the apartheid problem and is being kept fully informed on developments relevant thereto.

The following list gives the names of some of the organizations mentioned above:

Svenska Sydafrikakommittén
The Swedish South Africa Committee,
Stockholm

Local Committees on South Africa in Stockholm,
Uppsala, Jönköping, Lund and Skinnskatteberg

The Swedish Section of Amnesty International, Stockholm

Sveriges Ungdomsorganisationers Landsråd
The National Council of Swedish Youth, Stockholm, which includes most of the political youth organizations of Sweden

Arbetsgruppen för Afrikas Befrielseströrelser
The Working Group for the Liberation Movements of Africa, Stockholm

Fonden för rasförtryckets offer
Fund for the Victims of Racial Discrimination, Stockholm

Svenska FN-förbundet
The United Nations Association of Sweden, Stockholm

Kommittén mot nynazism och rasfördomar
Committee against Neo-Nazism and Racial Prejudice, Stockholm

Sveriges Förenade Studentkårer
The National Swedish Union of Students, Stockholm