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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to article 8, paragraph 6, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)), States parties "shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee while they are in performance of Committee duties".
2. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the question of financing the expenses of the members of the Committee (A/44/593) and adopted resolution 44/68 of 8 December 1989, in which the Assembly, inter alia, recalling the urgent appeals made by the Secretary-General, the Assembly, the 11th and 12th meetings of States parties to the Convention and the Committee itself to the States parties to honour their financial obligations under the Convention, expressed its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties to the Convention had still not fulfilled their financial obligations, which had led to the cancellation of the spring 1989 session; expressed once again its concern that such a situation had led to further delay in discharging the substantive obligations of the Committee under the Convention; strongly appealed in that connection to all States parties, especially those in arrears, to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions and, if possible, their contributions for 1990 before 1 February 1990, so as to enable the Committee to meet regularly. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to invite those States parties which are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session; and invited the Secretary-General to report to the States parties at their thirteenth meeting on all legal and administrative measures that the States parties and the General Assembly could take to guarantee the regular functioning of the Committee.

3. At its forty-sixth session, the Commission on Human Rights, by its resolution 1990/25 of 27 February 1990, recommended that the Secretary-General seek to obtain, at the earliest opportunity, the concurrence of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to the establishment of a "contingency reserve fund". The fund would consist of that portion of State party payments, received prior to 31 December of each year, which represent over-assessments for the elapsed year which have been, in the past, automatically credited back to the States parties concerned. If the States parties should agree, the fund would be used to finance, on a contingency basis, up to two meetings of the Committee in a following year, for which State payments have not been received in that calendar year, with the contingency fund to be reimbursed in full once payments by these States are received.

4. On 12 February 1990, the Secretary-General informed the members of the Committee by cable that, owing to the insufficient payment of assessed contributions by States parties to the Convention, the spring 1990 session of the Committee, which had been scheduled to meet at Headquarters, from 5 to 23 March 1990, regrettably, could not be convened.

5. The summer 1990 (thirty-eighth) session of the Committee was, however, convened as scheduled and was held at Geneva from 6 to 24 August 1990.

6. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 44/68. As at 30 September 1990, the total of outstanding assessments and arrears was \$US 147,090, as detailed in the annex to the present report.

ANNEX

Responsibilities of the States parties for the expenses
of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of
Racial Discrimination under article 8, paragraph 6, of
the Convention

Assessments outstanding as at 30 September 1990

(United States dollars)

Afghanistan	472	Lebanon	3 946
Algeria	622	Lesotho	472
Argentina	2 450	Liberia	6 263
Bangladesh	463	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	761
Belgium	1 623	Madagascar	472
Botswana	1 368	Maldives	862
Brazil	4 133	Mali	8 974
Bulgaria	602	Mauritania	963
Burkina Faso	5 754	Mauritius	472
Burundi	8 023	Mozambique	4 221
Byelorussian SSR	783	Nicaragua	1 368
Cameroon	66	Niger	1 874
Cape Verde	6 286	Nigeria	672
Central African Republic	8 694	Panama	2 081
Chile	552	Papua New Guinea	559
Congo	1 721	Peru	1 501
Costa Rica	3 131	Philippines	307
Côte d'Ivoire	1 043	Romania	652
Cyprus	482	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 761
Democratic Kampuchea	1 368	Sierra Leone	7 783
Dominican Republic	2 631	Solomon Islands	1 368
El Salvador	6 286	Somalia	6 152
Ethiopia	472	Sudan	2 634
Fiji	472	Suriname	2 722
Gabon	1 064	Swaziland	1 022
Gambia	6 955	Togo	491
Guatemala	3 466	Trinidad and Tobago	1 203
Guinea	28	Uganda	1 874
Guyana	1 022	United Republic of Tanzania	1 022
Haiti	874	Viet Nam	1 368
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	425	Yemen Arab Republic	680
Iraq	582	Zaire	<u>1 079</u>
Israel	663		
Jordan	472	Total:	<u>147 099</u>
Lao People's Democratic Republic	472		
