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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

23 October 1989

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith the report of the Commission against *Apartheid* in Sports, which was adopted unanimously by the Commission on 20 October 1989.

This report is submitted to the **General** Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 40/64 G of 10 December 1985 and with article 12, paragraph 2, of the International Convention against *Apartheid* in Sports.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The **General** Assembly, by resolution **40/64 G** of 10 December 1985, adopted the International Convention **against Apartheid** in Sports, **which** entered into force on 4 April 1988.
2. The Convention has so far **been ratified** or acceded to by 43 States and signed by 35 States. Lists of the States parties and the signatories are contained in annexes I and II, respectively.
3. The States parties to **the Convention, at their meeting held on 2 March 1989**, elected the following members of the Commission against **apartheid** in Sports: Mr. **Hamad** Abdelasis Al-Kawari (**Qatar**); Mr. **Ahmad Fathi** Al-Masri (Syrian Arab Republic); Mr. Fernando **Alanís** Camino (**Mexico**); Mr. **Hocine Djoudi** (**Algeria**); Mr. James Viotor Gbeho (Ghana) Mr. Lionel Hurst (Antigua and **Barbuda**); Mr. Besley **Maycock** (**Barbados**); Mr. **Abraham** Ordia (**Nigeria**); Mr. Vladimir Platonov (Ukrainian So-iet **Socialist Republic**); Mr. **Allan** Rae (**Jamaica**) Mr. Tesfaye Shafo (**Ethiopia**); Mr. Claudio **Teelmkee** (**Philippines**); Mr. Boris Topornin (Union of Soviet Socialist **Republics**); Mr. **Zoumana Traoré** (**Burkina Faso**); and Mr. Georg Zorowka (German Democratic Republic).
4. **The** Commission conducted informal consultations **on** 16 and 17 October 1989, and began its formal **session** on 18 **October** 1989. The provisional agenda **of** the session is included as annex III.
5. On 19 October 1989, the Commission elected Mr. James Victor **Gbeho as Chairman**, Messrs. **Hamad** Abdelasiz Al-Kawari and Georg Zorowka as Vice Chairmen, and Mr. Besley **Maycock** as Rapporteur.
6. The Commission received a copy of the resignation of Mr. Fernando **Alanís** Camino on 25 **May** 3.989 and a note **verbale** from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations **concerning** tire appointment of Mr. **Raúl González** Rodriguea. The Commission, in **accordance with** article **11**, paragraph 6 of the Convention, approved the appointment of Mr. Rodriguea.
7. The following members of the Commission participated in this session: **Hamad Abdelaziz** Al-Kawari, **Ahmad Fathi** Al-Masri, Hocine Djoudi, James Victor dbeho, Lionel Hurst, Besley **Maycock**, Abraham Ordia, Vladimir Platonov, **Allan** Rae, Tesfaye Shafo **and** Georg Zorowka.
8. On 19 October 1989, the Commission unanimously adopted its rules of procedure as amended (**CAAS/C/1989/2**).
9. Pursuant to article 11, paragraph 5 of the Convention, the Chairman of the Commission drew lots to choose the names **of nine members of** the Commission **whose term** should expire in March 1991. They are as follows: Mr. **Maycock**, Mr. Al-Kawari, Mr. Al-Masri, Mr. Gbeho, Mr. Traore, Mr. Djoudi, Mr. Platonov, Mr. Hurst and Mr. Ordia.
10. The Commission conducted consultations with **the** representatives of the International Olympic Committee, the World Boxing Council and the **South** African Non-Racial Olympic Committee. It received **messages** of support from Mr. Bruce Kidd, International Campaign against **Apartheid** Sport, Canada, and Mr. Richard Lapchick, Chairman of the American Co-ordinating Committee on Equality in Sport and Society.

II. CONSULTATIONS

11. During its **consultations** with representatives of international and national sporting organisations, the Commission **expressed** appreciation **for action taken** by many international sporting federations to terminate or to suspend the membership of South Africa (see **annex IV for a list of these federations**).
12. The Commission **took** note of the **fact** that South Africa had not **participated in** the Olympic games since 1960 in Rome and **paid** special tribute to the International Olympic Committee **and** its President, **H.E. Mr. Antonio Samaranch, for their active support in isolating** South Africa totally from all Olympic sports **and** its affiliated federations. The Commission urged sporting organisations outside the Olympics that **have not yet taken action to isolate** South Africa to do so as soon as possible.
13. The Commission **urged** those international sport federations in which South Africa still maintain membership to take action to expel South Africa. It also called **upon all sports federations to take action** to persuade their **affiliated teams and individuals not to engage in sporting activities in South Africa and to refrain** from competing **abroad** with South African sportsmen and women or **teams**.
14. The Commission took note **of** the decision **adopted** by the International Cricket **Conference to enforce the boycott** of cricket contacts with South Africa. It also supported the **decision of** the Special Committee against **Apartheid** to delete from the register of sports contacts with South Africa the names of cricketers who **had** engaged in sporting activities in South Africa prior to March 1989.
15. The Commission **expressed** its appreciation for the contribution to its deliberations of the President **of** the World Boxing Council, the representative **of** the International Olympic Committee, and the Chairman **of** the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee and **authorized** the Chairman, in **co-operation** with the Centre against **Apartheid**, to invite international and national **sports** organisations to its next session.

III. CO-OPERATION WITH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID

16. The Commission commended action taken by the Special Committee and the leadership role it has performed in the international campaign against aoartheid in sports.

17. Particular reference was made in this regard to the register of sports boycott of South Africa, which has become a **very** effective instrument in isolating aoartheid in **sports**. The Commission was of the 'view that the States Parties should co-operate closely with the Special Committee to persuade their nationals whose names are included in the register to pledge that they would not compete in South Africa while the system of apartheid still prevailed in South Africa.

18. The Commission considered that the register of sports contacts with South Africa was a useful instrument for the conduct of its work and urged that the Special Committee against Aoartheid continue publication of that important document.

19. The Commission also authorised its Chairman to co-operate with the Special Committee in promoting the boycott of apartheid in sports and other activities for the realisation of the objectives of the Convention.

20. While emphasising the role of individual sportsmen and women and teams as well as sports organisations, the Commission believed that certain Governments, particularly the **Government** of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, should adopt more effective measures to terminate sports contacts with South Africa. Action so far taken by the Government of the United Kingdom did not conform to the international boycott of anartheid sports. The *Commission* noted, however, that the International Cricket Conference had adopted a resolution that would require the Test and Country Cricket Board of England and other member cricket boards to join the anti-apartheid struggle. The Commission hopes that **thase** and other like-minded **organizations** and individuals will be able, through education of the public, to bring enough pressure to bear to lead to a change of policy on the part of the Government of the United Kingdom.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE STATES PARTIES

21. Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the Commission received reports from the following States parties: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

22. The Commission expressed the hope that those States parties which had not presented their reports would do so as soon as possible in order for the Commission to consider them at its next session in 1990.

23. The Commission emphasised the importance of the adoption by the States of legislative, judicial, administrative and other measures to give effect to the provisions of the Convention. These measures should be aimed at assisting international efforts to ensure the total isolation of South Africa in apartheid from the international sports so as to bring about the eradication of apartheid.

24. The Commission approved a set of guidelines, contained in annex VI, to guide the States parties in preparing their reports.

V. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT SESSION

25. The Commission **considered** it **essential** that preparations **for** its next session should be made as soon as possible. The **Commission recommended** that the States parties meet **early in 1990 to facilitate the financing of the** next meeting.

26. The *Commission* recommended that its next session should not exceed **four days**,

27. The **Commission** authorised the **Chairman, in** co-operation with the Centre against **Apartheid** and the Department of **Conference Services** of the Secretariat, to decide on the date of the next **session**. Arrangements should be **made to** inform the Members at least two months prior to holding of the next **session**, which **should** not coincide with the General Assembly.

VI, CONCLUSIONS AND **RECOMMENDATIONS**

28. The Commission recognised the progress achieved in the international boycott of **apartheid** sports. **However, it felt that further action was needed** on the national and international levels.

29. The Commission **recognized** the importance of the contribution of the **International Olympic Committee** in isolating South **Africa** from the Olympic Games **and in persuading sporting federations recognized** by the International Olympic Committee to expel South Africa from their membership and **to terminate any sports contacts with South Africa.** The Commission would continue to co-operate with the International Olympic **Committee until apartheid** is totally **eradicated from South Africa.**

30. Action was **needed with** regard to other non-Olympic sports, in particular concerning the continuing contacts with South Africa in golf, rugby and other **sports.**

31. The **Commission** took note of the **fact that** the World Boxing Council has since **1975 confirmed and reaffirmed** its unequivocal stand against **apartheid** sports and has fully supported all the efforts of the Special Committee against **Apartheid** and the South **African Non-Racial Olympic Committee.** These efforts had been largely successful until the **recent** advent of splinter groups such as the **International Boxing Federation** and the World Boxing Organisation. It **is recommended, therefore,** that both the International Boxing Federation and the World Boxing **Organization be** included in the **Register of sports contacts with South Africa.** In the mean time, the Commission urges those organisations to terminate any contacts with South Africa.

32. The Commission **recommended** that the General Assembly:

(a) Urge all **those States** which have **signed** the Convention and not ratified it to ratify it, and all those States which have not signed the Convention to do so as soon **as possible;**

(b) Call on all States **to extend cooperation** to the Commission against **Apartheid in Sports** and to the Special **Committee** against **Apartheid** in matters relating to the boycott of **apartheid sports;**

(c) Urge States, **organizations** and individuals to take action to achieve the total isolation of **apartheid** in sports and to terminate any sports contacts with South **Africa;**

(d) Request the Secretary-General to provide the **necessary services to** the Commission to fulfil its mandate. Particular attention should be paid to publicity against **apartheid** sports.

ANNEX I

~~Annex I to the International Convention against~~
Apartheid in Sports

1. Algeria
2. Antigua and Barbuda
3. Bahamas
4. Barbados
5. Bolivia
6. Bulgaria
7. Burkina Faso
8. Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
9. Czechoslovakia
- 10.** Equatorial Guinea
11. Ethiopia
- 12.** German Democratic Republic
13. Ghana
14. Guyana
15. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
16. Iraq
17. Jamaica
- 18.** Jordan
19. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
20. Mali
21. Mauritania
22. Mexico
23. Mongolia
24. Nepal
25. Niger
26. Nigeria
27. **Peru**
28. Philippines
29. Poland
- 30.** Qatar
31. Saint Kitts and Nevis
32. Senegal

- 33. Syrian Arab **Republic**
- 34. **Togo**
- 35. **Tunisia**
- 36. **Uganda**
- 37. **Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic**
- 38. **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics**
- 39. **United Republic of Tanzania**
- 40. **Uruguay**
- 41. **Venezuela**
- 42. **Zambia**
- 43. **Zimbabwe**

ANNEX II

States signatory to the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports

1. Benin
2. Burundi
3. **Cameroon**
- 4.** Cape Verde
5. Central African Republic
- 6.** China
7. Colombia
8. Cuba
- 9. Cyprus**
- 10.** Democratic Yemen
11. Ecuador
- 12. Egypt**
- 13.** Gabon
- 14. Guinea**
15. Guinea-Bissau
16. Haiti
17. Hungary
- 18.** Indonesia
19. Kenya
- 20.** Lebanon
21. Liberia
22. Madagascar
- 23. Malaysia**
- 24. Maldives**
- 25. Morocco**
- 26.** Nicaragua
- 27. Panama**
- 28. Rwanda**
- 29.** Saint Lucia
- 30. Sierra Leone**
- 31. Somalia**

- 32. Sudan**
- 33. Trinidad and Tobago**
- 34. Yugoslavia**
- 35. Zaire**

ANNEX III

Provisional agenda of the Commission against Apartheid in Sports

1. Opening **of the session** of the Commission.
2. Election of officers.
3. **Adoption of the agenda.**
4. Approval of filling of casual vacancies.
5. Adoption of **the rules** of procedure.
6. Selection by the Chairman (pursuant to article 11, paragraph 5, of the Convention) of nine **members of** the Commission whose term of **office** will expire **in** March 1991.
7. Organisation of the work of the **Commission.**
8. Co-operation with the Special **Committee** against **Apartheid.**
9. Register of sports contacts with South **Africa.**
10. Consultations with representatives of national **and** international sporting **organizations.**
11. Consideration of **the reports** of States **Parties** to the International **Convention** against **Apartheid** in Sports presented **pursuant to** article 12 thereof.
12. Ways and **means** of strengthening the sports boycott of South **Africa.**
13. Consideration of the report **of the** Commission to the General Assembly.
14. Closing of the session of the Commission.

ANNEX IV

Position of South Africa in the Olympic disciplines

Not a member or membership suspended

Full member

Athletics (International Amateur Athletic Federation)

Rowing (International Rowing Federation)

Baseball (International Baseball Association)

Badminton (International Badminton Federation)

Basketball (International Amateur Basketball Federation)

Canoeing (International Canoe Federation)

Bobsleigh and tobogganing (International Bobsleigh and Tobogganing Federation)

Equestrian (International Equestrian Federation)

Fencing (International Fencing Federation)

Boxing (International Amateur Boxing Association)

Gymnastics (International Gymnastics Federation)

Cycling (International Amateur Cycling Federation)

Hockey (**Fédération internationale** de hockey)

Football (International Soccer Federation)

Ice hockey (International Ice Hockey Federation)

Handball (International Handball Federation)

Modern pentathlon and biathlon (International Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon Union)

Judo (International Judo Federation)

Ice skating (International Skating Union)

Luge (International Tobogganing Federation)

Table tennis (International Table Tennis Federation) (**anti-apartheid** body member)

Wrestling (International Wrestling Federation)

Swimming (International Amateur Swimming Federation)

Shooting (International Shooting Union)

Skiing (International Skiing Federation)

Archery (International Archery Federation)

Tennis (International Tennis Federation)

Yacht racing (International Yacht Racing Union)

Volleyball (International Volleyball Federation)

Weightlifting (International Weightlifting Federation)

ANNEX V

Position of South Africa in Olympic-recognized international federations

<u>Not a member or membership suspended</u>	<u>Full member</u>
Karate (World Union of Karatedo Organisations)	Aeronautics (International Aeronautics Federation)
Pelota Vasca (International Pelota Vasca Federation)	Curling (International Curling Federation)
Orienteering (Enternational Orienteering Federation)	Pin bowling (International Pin Bowling Federation)
Acrobatics (International Federation of Sports Acrobatics)	Roller-skating (International Roller-Skating Federation)
Taekwondo (World Taekwondo Federation)	Softball (International Softball Rackets Federation)
Subaquatics (World Subaquatics Federation)	Squash rackets (International Squash Rackets Federation)
	Waterskiing (International Water Ski Federation)
	Trampoline (Interrational Trampoline Federation)

Note: In boules and racquetball. **South** Africa's position is not clear.

**Questions to be considered by the States parties
in preparing their reports**

1. What **are** the legislative, judicial, administrative and other **measures** adopted to **give effect to the provisions** of the International Convention against **Apartheid** in Sports?
2. **Are there sports** bodies, teams and individual sportsmen **from** the State party **concerned** who engage in sporting **activities** in South Africa? If so, what action has been taken to prevent such activities?
3. **Are there sports** bodies, **teams** and individual sportsmen **from** the **State** party **concerned** who engage in sports exchanges with South African sports bodies, teams and individual **sports** outside South Africa? **If** so, what action has **been taken** to dissuade such exchanges?
4. **Are there any specific** problems with regard to aborting such exchange?
5. Does the State **party concerned** deny or refuse to grant visas or entry to representatives of sports **bodies**, teams and individual sportsmen **from South Africa**?
6. What **action** has **been** taken by the national **sports** bodies, teams and individual sportsmen of the State party against sports bodies, teams and individual sportsmen **from a third country** who maintain sporting links **with South Africa**?
7. **What action has** the State party concerned taken against individuals **from third States** who still maintain sporting links **with South Africa**?
8. **Has the State party concerned instructed** its **representatives** to international sports federations to prevent participation **of the sports** bodies, teams and individual sportsman **from South Africa in** International **sporting events and congresses to ensure** its expulsion from **federations where it still** enjoys membership? **a/**
9. **Are there citizens** from the State **party** concerned whose names are included in the Register of Sports Contacts with South Africa?
10. Is there liaison with the State party concerned to ensure observance of the articles of the Convention? **Are there any general proposals to strengthen the sports boycott of South Africa?**
11. Are **there any relevant** comments?

Notes

a/ A list of international sports federations to which **the citizens** of the State party are affiliated should be **supplied**.