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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution **44/124** A of 15 December 1989, the General Assembly viewed with concern the continuing participation of the apartheid régime of South Africa in meetings of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, and appealed once again to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties to take urgent measures to exclude the racist apartheid régime of South Africa from participation in the meetings of the Consultative Parties at the earliest possible date.
2. The General Assembly also invited States parties **1/** to the Antarctic Treaty to inform the Secretary-General on the actions taken regarding provisions of the General Assembly and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to **the** General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.
3. Accordingly, the Secretary-General addressed a note **verbale** to the States parties to the Antarctic Treaty asking them to reply in pursuance of paragraph 3 of resolution **44/124** A as soon as possible, but not later than 30 April 1990.
4. On 3 May, the Secretary-General received a communication dated **30** April 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Australia, responding on behalf of States parties to the Antarctic Treaty. The communication reads as follows:

"**The** Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, acting on behalf of States parties to the Antarctic Treaty . . . has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note of 19 March 1990 with reference to General Assembly resolution **44/124** A of 15 December 1989 with respect to the question of Antarctica.

* A/45/150.

"The Permanent Representative of Australia has the honour to recall that the Mission's note of 1 July 1987, on behalf of States parties to the Antarctic Treaty, was concerned with the same matter. The note continues fully to reflect their position."

5. The note to which the Permanent Representative of Australia makes reference is reproduced in a previous report of the Secretary-General to the forty-second session (A/42/587).

Notes

1/ The States parties to the Antarctic Treaty are the following (underlining indicates consultative status): Araentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Xorea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Urusuav.
