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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution **45/78 B** of 12 December 1990, the General Assembly viewed with concern the continuing participation of the apartheid regime 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 regime of South Africa from participation in the meetings of the Consultative Parties at the earliest possible date.

2. In that resolution the General Assembly also invited States Parties **1/** to the Antarctic Treaty to inform the Secretary-General on the actions taken regarding provisions of it, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its forty-sixth session, taking into account the **concern** expressed in paragraph 1 of resolution **45/78 B**.

3. Accordingly, the Secretary-General addressed a note **verbale** to the States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty asking them to reply in pursuance of paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution **45/78 B** as soon as possible, but not later than 30 May 1991.

4. On 29 May 1991, the Secretary-General received the following note from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, responding on behalf of States Parties to the Antarctic **Treaty**:

"The Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, acting on behalf of the States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note of 27 February 1991 concerning General Assembly resolution **45/78 B** of 12 December 1990 on the question of Antarctica.

"The Permanent Representative of Germany has the honour to recall that the note of the Mission of Australia 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 Germany makes reference is reproduced in a previous report of the Secretary-General (A/42/587),

Notes

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