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ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONVENTION

Fourth periodic reports of States Parties due in 1978

Addendum

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Introduction

This report is submitted pursuant to Article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination which entered into force with respect to the Kingdom of Lesotho on 4 December 1971.

As no changes of significance have taken place since Lesotho's last report (CERD/C/R.88/Add.11) to the Committee, the present report will be brief. The format recommended by the Committee (CERD/C/R.60/Add.1) will be followed for ease of reference.

1. MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLES 3, 5 AND 6 OF THE CONVENTION

(a) Condemnation of racial discrimination and apartheid (Article 3).

(i) LEGISLATION:

There has been no change during the period under review. Therefore the position stands as shown in Lesotho's third report contained in CERD/C/R.88/Add.11 1(a)(i) considered by the Committee at its 369th meeting (CERD/C/SR.369).

(ii) No cases were brought before the courts during the period.

(iii) The position still remains as reflected in CERD/C/R.88/Add.11 1(a)(iii).

^{1/} The fourth periodic report of Lesotho was due on 4 December 1978. For previous reports submitted by the Government of Lesotho and the summary records of the meetings of the Committee at which such reports were considered, see:

- (1) Initial report - CERD/C/R.53/Add.15 (CERD/C/SR.285);
- (2) Second periodic report - CERD/C/R.65/Add.9 (CERD/C/SR.283);
- (3) Third periodic report - CERD/C/R.83/Add.11 (CERD/C/SR.369).

(b) Measures to give effect to Article 5.

(i) LEGISLATIVE MEASURES:

The Committee is again referred to CERD/C/R.33/Add.11 1(b)(i) since the position, since then, has not yet changed.

(ii) JUDICIAL MEASURES:

There is no segregation in Lesotho and no apartheid; therefore judicial measures have not been necessary on Article 5.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

No administrative measures were necessitated during this period, hence none were taken.

(c) Measures to give effect to Article 6.

(i) LEGISLATIVE MEASURES:

See CERD/C/R.33/Add.11 1(c)(i).

(ii) JUDICIAL MEASURES:

No cases were brought before the courts during the time under consideration.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

The need has not arisen to take any other measures beyond administering the law.

2. MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLES 2,1 (a) AND (b) AND 4 (c)

(a) Undertaking not to engage in racial discrimination.

Article 2.1(a)

(i) LEGISLATION:

See CERD/C/R.33/Add.11 2(a)(i).

(ii) JUDICIAL DECISIONS:

Need has not arisen for the Courts to take any measures.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

See CERD/C/R.33/Add.11 2.(a)(i) thereof as the aim of it all was not to sponsor or support racial discrimination by any person or organization in Lesotho.

(b) Undertaking not to sponsor, defend or support racial discrimination (Article 2.1 (b)).

(i) LEGISLATION:

See CERD/C/R.99/Add.11 2. (b) (i) thereof.

(ii) JUDICIAL DECISIONS:

No cases were brought before the Courts on the issue.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

Statements continue to be made by Government spokesmen and Radio Lesotho, against racial discrimination and apartheid.

(c) Undertaking not to promote or incite racial discrimination.

Article 4. (c).

(i) LEGISLATION:

See CERD/C/R.99/Add.11 2(c) (i).

(ii) JUDICIAL MEASURES:

No cases have reached the Courts yet.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

See 2 (b) (iii) above.

MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLES 2.1. (c), 2.1. (d), 3, 4 (a) AND 4 (b).

(a) Review of policy and amending laws and regulations (Article 2.1 (c)).

(i) LEGISLATION:

3 (a) (i) of CERD/C/R.99/Add.11 is still relevant today.

(ii) JUDICIAL MEASURES:

No cases were brought before the Courts.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

Need for action in this regard has not yet arisen.

(b) Prohibitions under Article 2.1. (d).

(i) LEGISLATION:

Same as in 3 (a) (i) above

(ii) JUDICIAL DECISIONS:

Same as in 3 (a) (ii) above.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

Need has not yet arisen for any other measures.

(c) The position as revealed in CERD/C/R.88/Add.11 3(c) thereof has not changed.

(d) Measures giving effect to provisions of Article 4 (a).

(i) LEGISLATION:

3(a) (i) of CERD/C/R.88/Add.11 is relevant here.

(ii) JUDICIAL MEASURES:

No cases were brought before the courts during the period.

(iii) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES:

Same as stated under 3 (d) (iii) of CERD/C/R.88/Add.11.
The United Nations Information Centre has now opened an office in Maseru.

4. MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 2.1(e), 2.2 and 7

(a) Encouraging integrationist organizations etc.
Article 2.1 (e) CERD/C/R.88/Add.11), 4(a) thereof is still applicable.

(b) Protection of racial groups (Article 2.2). As above 4(a).

(c) Measures under Article 7 of the Convention.

(i) LEGISLATION:

See CERD/C/R.88/Add.11 4(c)(i) thereof which reveals the position even today.

(ii) JUDICIAL MEASURES:

Judicial action has not been necessary.

(iii) 4(c)(iii) of CERD/C/R.88/Add.11 is still applicable.