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OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES
UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONVENTION

Seventh periodic reports of States parties due in 1985

Addendum

BARBADOS 1/

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Population by sex, race and major division.

1/ For the previous reports submitted by the Government of Barbados and the summary records of the meetings of the Committee at which the reports were considered, see:

Initial report - CERD/C/R.50/Add.11 (CERD/C/SR.204);
Second periodic report - CERD/C/R.77/Add.6 (CERD/C/SR.272);
Third periodic report - CERD/C/75/Add.7 (CERD/C/SR.557);
Fourth periodic report - CERD/C/75/Add.7 (CERD/C/SR.557);
Fifth periodic report - CERD/C/75/Add.7 (CERD/C/SR.557);
Sixth periodic report - CERD/C/106/Add.13 (CERD/C/SR.753-SR.754).

PART I - GENERAL

1. As previously indicated the Constitution provides the general legal framework within which the right to freedom from discrimination on account of race or colour is protected.
2. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land and enshrines a "Bill of Rights" for the protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual. These rights are guaranteed to all regardless of race, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed or sex.
3. The executive authority is competent to enter into treaties on behalf of Barbados. However these are not self-operating and therefore cannot be enforced directly by the Courts. A Convention is not part of the law of the land until it has been passed by the legislature.
4. Any person may apply to the High Court who alleges the violation of any of his fundamental rights and freedoms. The High Court has power to enforce the protective provisions of the Constitution. There is a guaranteed right of appeal to a higher court, concluding with the Privy Council, on a decision of the High Court in respect of the fundamental rights and freedoms, among which is the right to protection from discrimination based on race, colour or place or origin.
5. The concern expressed by some members of the Committee in respect of the classification used by Barbados in presenting census data on race/nationality has been noted. As pointed out in the sixth periodic report, the Barbados census forms part of a regional exercise and the respondent is the one who determines the category in which he or she falls. In addition the terms used do not necessarily provide evidence of racial discrimination when examined in a Caribbean context.
6. The relevant section of the 1980-81 Population Census of the Commonwealth Caribbean which gives data on Barbados is reproduced in the annex to this report.

PART II - INFORMATION IN RELATION TO ARTICLES 2 TO 7

Article 2

7. No legislative measures have been taken since our previous report and the legal position remains the same. The Constitution prohibits racial discrimination and there are no laws which derogate from this principle.

Article 3

8. No legislative measures have been necessary to give effect to this article and Barbados' policy on apartheid and South Africa remains as outlined previously.

Article 4

9. The Committee's attention is drawn once again to the Public Order Act ^{2/} and the relevant section therein viz:

33.(1) A person is guilty of an offence if:

- (a) knowingly he publishes or distributes written matter which is threatening, abusive or insulting; or
- (b) he uses in any public place or at any public meeting words which are threatening, abusive or insulting, being matter or words intended or which may reasonably be interpreted or likely to stir up or to be capable of stirring up hatred against any section of the public in Barbados distinguished by colour, race, or creed.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine of 2,500 dollars or to imprisonment for 12 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

10. It is considered that together with the constitutional provision, these provisions of the Public Order Act ensure adequate safeguards as required by article 4. As regards article 4(b) it is reiterated that the objective conditions do not necessitate legislation of that nature.

Article 5

11. Section 23 of the Constitution guarantees to all, protection before the law from discrimination based on race, colour or place of origin. There exists therefore no legal basis for discrimination in the enjoyment of the right expressed in this article.

12. The relevant legislative measures pertaining to this article have already been provided.

Article 6

13. The position remains as previously described. The fundamental rights and freedoms of everyone in Barbados are guaranteed by the Constitution and there is recourse via section 24 to the High Court for redress where these rights and freedoms have been or are likely to be breached.

^{2/} A copy of the Public Order Act, Chapter 168A has been transmitted by the Government of Barbados with the present report and is available in the Secretariat files for consultation.

Article 7

A. Education and Teaching

14. In Barbados education is accessible to all groups of the population without fear of racial discrimination.

15. No specific course is included in the school curricula or teachers' training programme on human rights issues but in the Social Studies and Religious and Moral Education programmes in the primary schools some attention is given to focusing discussions on rights and responsibilities of workers, sharing among the world's peoples and the promotion of peace and understanding.

Annex

BARBADOS

TABLE 7.2.11: POPULATION BY SEX, RACE AND MAJOR DIVISION

MAJOR DIVISION	RACE										TOTAL (11)
	NEGRO/ BLACK (1)	EAST INDIAN (2)	CHINESE (3)	AMER- INDIAN (4)	PORTE- GUESE (5)	SYRIAN/ LES (6)	WHITE (7)	MIXED (8)	OTHER RACES (9)	NOT STATED (10)	
BARBADOS											
MALE	106 735	615	36	14	41	53	3 498	2 723	62	1 795	115 771
FEMALE	117 830	642	30	25	60	38	4 255	3 639	72	1 866	128 457
BOTH SEXES	224 565	1 257	66	39	101	90	7 953	6 362	134	3 661	244 228
ST. MICHAEL											
MALE	41 748	454	15	11	16	9	883	1 244	27	852	45 259
FEMALE	47 260	462	8	21	20	4	1 128	1 809	39	906	51 657
BOTH SEXES	89 008	916	23	32	36	13	2 011	3 053	66	1 758	96 916
CHRIST CHURCH											
MALE	16 036	119	18	1	17	41	1 410	631	22	404	18 703
FEMALE	18 301	131	19	3	29	29	1 730	782	18	461	21 503
BOTH SEXES	34 337	250	37	4	46	70	3 140	1 413	40	869	40 206
ST. GEORGE											
MALE	7 638	5	-	-	-	1	227	116	6	95	8 283
FEMALE	8 433	10	-	-	-	3	214	140	7	95	8 902
BOTH SEXES	16 271	15	-	-	-	4	441	256	13	190	17 190
ST. PHILIP											
MALE	8 453	7	-	-	4	-	300	120	-	67	8 951
FEMALE	8 865	13	-	1	4	1	256	179	2	65	9 386
BOTH SEXES	17 318	20	-	1	8	1	556	299	2	132	18 337
ST. JOHN											
MALE	4 703	-	-	-	-	-	168	91	2	26	4 990
FEMALE	4 924	2	-	-	2	-	202	116	2	18	5 266
BOTH SEXES	9 627	2	-	-	2	-	370	207	4	44	10 256
ST. JAMES											
MALE	7 188	19	3	1	-	-	399	269	5	74	7 938
FEMALE	8 116	17	3	-	2	-	628	316	4	97	8 883
BOTH SEXES	15 304	36	6	1	2	-	827	585	9	171	16 941
ST. THOMAS											
MALE	4 882	4	-	1	6	-	125	61	-	68	5 145
FEMALE	5 159	3	-	1	2	-	127	57	-	64	5 442
BOTH SEXES	10 041	7	-	1	6	-	252	118	-	132	10 587
ST. JOSEPH											
MALE	3 348	1	-	-	-	-	68	40	-	61	3 518
FEMALE	3 539	-	-	-	-	-	56	45	-	55	3 695
BOTH SEXES	6 887	1	-	-	-	-	124	85	-	116	7 213
ST. ANDREW											
MALE	3 288	1	-	-	-	-	8	12	-	13	3 322
FEMALE	3 363	-	-	-	-	-	8	20	-	7	3 398
BOTH SEXES	6 651	1	-	-	-	-	16	32	-	20	6 720
ST. PETER											
MALE	4 934	2	-	-	-	1	98	77	-	78	5 190
FEMALE	5 203	1	-	-	1	1	97	71	-	59	5 453
BOTH SEXES	10 137	3	-	-	1	2	195	148	-	137	10 623
ST. LUCY											
MALE	4 317	3	-	-	-	-	12	62	-	53	4 447
FEMALE	4 667	3	-	-	-	-	9	74	-	39	4 792
BOTH SEXES	9 984	6	-	-	-	-	21	136	-	92	9 239