

CZECH REPUBLIC

General Comments - Government Responses

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Annex IV

Texts of comments of states parties to general recommendations I and II, adopted by the Committee at its fifth session, received up to the end of the sixth session, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 9 of the convention a/

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As regards the recommendations pertaining to the implementation of article 4, paragraph (a) and (b), of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Czechoslovak legislation is in full conformity with the requirements of the above-mentioned provisions of the Convention. Those are especially the appropriate provisions of the Czechoslovak Criminal Law, quoted in the supplement to the report on the Implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, submitted to the Committee in the last year, which enable the criminal prosecution of the acts which, under article 4, paragraph (a), of the Convention, shall be declared criminal.

Under S 260 of the Criminal Law, the persons supporting or propagating fascism or any other movement of a similar nature, proclaiming national or racial hate shall be criminally prosecuted as required by article 4, paragraph (b), of the Convention.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic fully supports the demand that the legislatures of the States Parties to the Convention include the provisions conforming to the requirements of article 4 (a) and (b) of the Convention, since the effective struggle against racism and racial discrimination requires that not only all its manifestations in any form be prosecuted, but also measures be undertaken to prevent its spreading and to eradicate it at the very beginning. Therefore, it is necessary to take steps against the propagation of racial discrimination and against the organizing of groups and

a/ See chap. IV, para. 99; and, for the texts of general recommendations I and II, see chap. IX, section A, decisions 3 (V) and 4 (V).

organizations supporting it.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has carried out its obligation under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, completed in accordance with its requirements. Since the Convention creates an obligation to all States Parties to undertake all measures against racial discrimination and racism and to transmit information about those measures to the Committee, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic deems it right for all States Parties to carry out their obligations and to furnish the appropriate information. In spite of the fact that in some States racial discrimination does not exist at the given time, the Convention binds them to take such measures that would eliminate any occurrence of any manifestation of racial discrimination at any time in the future.

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Annex IV

Texts of comments of States parties to general recommendation III, adopted by the Committee at its sixth session, received up to the end of the eighth session, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention a/

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The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic fully concurs with the view of the Committee expressed in its general recommendation III that an effective struggle against racial discrimination as well as sincere efforts to consistently implement the provisions and principles of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination have to include measures, adopted both on the national and international levels. Reports submitted under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention should contain also information regarding diplomatic, economic and other relations with the racist, if any, or information on the non-existence of such relations. This information should constitute an obligatory part of the respective report.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic has not maintained diplomatic or consular relations with South Africa over a period of many years. Trade and economic relations have likewise been interrupted. No relations have been established or maintained with the racist regime in Southern Rhodesia.

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic fully implements the respective decisions and recommendations made by the Security Council and other United Nations organs in that respect.

a/ See chap. VI, paras. 317 to 322 above; for the text of general recommendation III see decision 1 (VI), chap. IX, sect. B, of the report of the Committee to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/8718).