

PHILIPPINES

General Comments - Government Responses

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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 Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations, with reference to recommendation III of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which was adopted at its 112th meeting on 18 August 1972, that States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination include in their reports submitted under article 9 of the Convention, information regarding the status of its diplomatic, economic and other relations with the racist regimes in southern Africa, has the honour to enclose copies of Department of Foreign Affairs circulars Nos. 303-63, 433-63, 55-66, 163-65, 157-69, 23-71 and 120-72, Concurrent Resolution No. 24 of the Congress of the Republic of the Philippine Government, in compliance with various General Assembly resolutions concerning relations with the Governments of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Portugal.

The provisions of these documents reflect the total and continuing efforts of all sectors of the Philippine Government against the racist policies of the three aforementioned countries.

The Philippine Government has consistently taken a strong position vis-a-vis the racist regimes in southern Africa. It maintains no diplomatic relations with South Africa or Southern Rhodesia.

Further information on the matter will be communicated when available.

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).