

HAITI

Special Decisions or Action taken Re: Reporting, Including Urgent Action Procedure

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Annex IV

Texts of communications sent through the Secretary-General to States Parties whose representatives did not participate in the consideration by the Committee of their respective reports, submitted in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, at the ninth and tenth sessions of the Committee

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C. Communication to the Government of Haiti c/

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered the initial report submitted by the Government of Haiti on 20 May 1974 in accordance with article 9, paragraph 1, of the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its 207th meeting (tenth session), held on 16 August 1974, without the benefit of the participation of a representative of the Government of Haiti.

The Committee was unanimously of the opinion that the report in question did not fulfil the requirements of the article under reference, for the following reasons: it did not contain information on administrative, judicial and other measures; and the information it provided on legislative measures was confined to statements paraphrasing three articles of the Constitution of Haiti. Furthermore, the report was not organized in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Committee at its first session. Nor did it take into account general recommendations I-IV or decision 3 (VIII) adopted by the Committee.

The Committee has therefore unanimously decided to request the Government of Haiti to submit a report as soon as possible, but not later than the opening date of the eleventh session of the Committee, satisfying the requirements of article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and to urge it to ensure that the guidelines laid down by the Committee and the relevant general recommendations adopted by it are taken into account in the preparation of that report. Copies of documents CERD/C/R.60 and Add.1, which contain the relevant texts under reference, are attached hereto.

The Committee earnestly hopes that it will be possible for a representative of the Government of Haiti to participate in the Committee's forthcoming consideration of the requested report during the eleventh session, which will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 31 March

c/ Adopted at the 215th meeting, on 22 August 1974.

1975 to 18 April 1975. The exact date on which the Committee will consider that report will be

communicated to the Government of Haiti immediately after the opening of that session.

The views expressed during the Committee's discussion of the initial report of Haiti may be found in the summary records of the 207th meeting (document CERD/C/SR.207), a copy of which will be sent when the final text is issued, and will also be reflected in the fifth Annual report of the Committee, which will be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.