

SENEGAL

Special Decisions or Action Taken Re: Reporting

CCPR A/36/40 (1981)

III. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT

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D. Information conveyed by the Secretary-General to the Committee

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391. At the 295th meeting of the Committee, the representative of the Secretary-General informed the Committee that a note verbale had been received by the United Nations Office in Geneva from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Senegal, dated 10 July 1981, in which the Ministry recalled that, in April 1980, in the course of the examination of the report of the Republic of Senegal, under article 40 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, several members of the Committee had expressed reservations with regard to the Republic's legislation which, in their view, was not consistent with certain provisions of the Covenant in that it limited the number of political parties to four and imposed an obligation on the citizens of the Republic to obtain an exit visa in order to be able to leave the country. The representative of the Secretary-General further informed the Committee that, in this connection, the note verbale indicated that the legislation in question had been repealed by a constitutional instrument which establishes an unlimited multiparty system and by legislation which abolishes the obligation to obtain an exit visa.