

September 1989. Radio programmes on these public hearings were produced in English, and news items relating to the activities of transnational corporations in Southern Africa were transmitted directly to television stations and distributed through VisNews and WTN to stations throughout the world. The Information Service also held a special photo exhibit in connection with the public hearings and premiered the film "World Action against Apartheid" produced by the Department.

64. An information officer of the Public Relations Unit of the Information Service travelled to London to cover the meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Southern Africa. She produced five press releases in English and organized media interviews with Mr. Amos Wako, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on Summary and Arbitrary Executions.

65. The Information Service gave full support to the International Non-Governmental Organization Seminar on Education against Apartheid organized in co-operation with the Special Committee against Apartheid.

2. Information activities in observance of international human rights days and weeks and in connection with other special events

66. In observance of International Women's Day, on 8 March 1989, a panel discussion was organized on the theme "Recognize Women: Contribution, Frustration, Hope". The Information Service distributed in English, French and Spanish a pamphlet entitled "A Time for Action" and a press release on the history of International Women's Day. Other activities in connection with the Day included participation of the Director of the Information Service in a round table discussion organized by the Geneva Bureau for Equal Rights between Men and Women on the theme "Culture: Quelle égalité pour les femmes?", and of an information officer from the Public Relations Unit of the Information Service in the work of the tenth session of the joint United Nations Information Centre/Non-Governmental Organization Programme Group on Women and Development.

67. On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Information Service convened a press conference given by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights, who is also Co-ordinator of the United Nations activities for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. The Secretary-General's statement in commemoration of the International Day was widely distributed at the Palais des Nations to the media and among non-governmental organizations. Two special exhibits were mounted at the Palais. The Information Service invited a group of 100 Geneva students for a lecture given at the Palais by a representative of the Centre for Human Rights on questions relating to racism.

68. At a meeting organized by Swiss non-governmental organizations at Olten on the subject "Not one cent for apartheid", a statement on United Nations activities against apartheid was made by the Chief of the Public Relations Unit of United Nations Information Service, and relevant United Nations documents were distributed. The meeting, which was attended by 70 representatives of Swiss

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