

16. The following additional information materials are in various stages of production:

(a) An information package on poverty, comprising a summary of the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (A/44/467), a feature story and graphics;

(b) Special backgrounders and briefings for non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as radio and television programmes in conjunction with the preparatory meetings for the adoption of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and for the special session of the General Assembly in 1990 devoted to international economic co-operation;

(c) A series of information products on the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, prepared in co-operation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

17. In line with the major priority assigned to the economic recovery and development of Africa, the Department has continued, with the support of other organizations of the United Nations system, to carry out an intensive campaign, producing publications - in particular, Africa Recovery - and press kits, and working further with its extensive media contacts for world-wide coverage of African economic issues.

18. Among special information materials, a comprehensive press kit was prepared in September 1988 to publicize the report of the Secretary-General (A/43/500 and Add.1 and 2 and Corr.1) to the General Assembly on the mid-term review of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990. The kit was distributed to journalists at several press conferences held during the review session.

19. In November-December 1988, a journalists' tour to Senegal and Ghana was organized by the Department, with funding from the Government of Japan. Twenty-three senior writers, including four from Africa, were escorted on a two-week tour to acquaint them first-hand with the reality of the African economic crisis and measures being taken by African Governments to overcome the crisis.

B. Information activities on the rights of specific groups and on other issues related to human rights

1. Activities against racism, racial discrimination and apartheid

20. As in previous years, wide publicity and coverage were given to the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which was observed on 21 March 1989. A solemn meeting of the Special Committee against Apartheid was held at Headquarters. Special exhibits and other events to commemorate the 1960 massacre of civilians at Sharpeville, South Africa, and to emphasize the role of