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## SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA

The following statement was made to the Fourth Committee of the United Nations on November 16 by the Canadian representative, Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle, concerning the manner in which the Republic of South Africa was administering its mandate in South West Africa:

"Once again...the question of South West Africa has come up for consideration of the United Nations General Assembly. This Committee has before it the report of the United Nations Special Committee for South West Africa, as well as the report of the Committee of Seventeen, which carried, under Chapter IX, a review of the question of South West Africa. The first of these two reports, which has been endorsed by the Committee of Seventeen, states among other things, that 'the situation in the mandated territory has continued to be dominated by the policy of *apartheid*, which has been intensified and made more systematic in recent years'. The same report points out that this policy 'continued to be 'buttressed by a system of regulations on the freedom of movement of Africans which is usually referred to as the pass laws'. Furthermore, the Africans remain without vote or representation either in the territorial Legislative Assembly or in the South African House of Assembly; this although the African population is nearly six times as large as the European population in the territory.

### LEGITIMATE UN CONCERN

"South Africa's elevation of racial discrimination into a political, social and philosophical system is completely unacceptable to the people of my country.

My Government regards the policy of *apartheid* as being incompatible with the terms of the League of Nations mandate, the United Nations Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights. We also view this policy as prejudicial to the maintenance of peaceful and orderly administration in the territory. We therefore deem it a matter of legitimate concern to the United Nations that the Government of South Africa is continuing to conduct the administration of the territory in a manner which violates the basic principles of human dignity and brotherhood.

"In this debate we are particularly concerned with the effect of *apartheid* on the development of South West Africa, an international territory in which the United Nations has had a continuing interest since the very beginning of the organization. Repeated efforts were made to have South West Africa placed under the trusteeship system and, although these were unsuccessful, it was established by the International Court of Justice that South Africa has a duty to report to the United Nations on the progress of South West Africa. It is also clear from the testimony given to the members of the South West Africa Committee that the people of the territory look to the United Nations for help in achieving their goal of self-government.

### SOUTH AFRICAN DOUBLE STANDARD

"In his speech before the General Assembly on November 6, 1962, the South African Minister for Foreign Affairs quoted his distinguished Prime Minister as having said that 'no longer is the Bantu incapable or undesirous of participation in the control

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