

10. The Committee noted the establishment of the Independent Centre for the Study of the South African Economy and International Finance at the London School of Economics, as called for by the Commonwealth (other than Britain) at Kuala Lumpur, whose purpose is to study and report on South Africa's international financial relations and their implications for its economy; and to publicise factual information on financial flows to, and policies towards, South Africa. The terms of reference provide that, at the appropriate time, the Centre should examine ways of mobilising resources for post-apartheid South Africa. Ministers expressed the hope that as the pillars of apartheid crumble, the Centre could develop into an agency studying how best to restore economic growth and dynamism into a new, democratic South Africa. Ministers commended Australia and other Commonwealth governments for the financial support provided to the Centre. They looked forward to the Centre's first regular report starting from July.—

The Arms Embargo

11. The Committee received a report on the work of the United Nations Security Council 421 Committee on the Arms Embargo chaired by Malaysia. Ministers agreed to offer every assistance to the Committee to enable it to fulfil its mandate. Ministers also agreed to continue to press for greater transparency in the operation of the Committee to ensure a more effective application of the Arms Embargo by the international community.

Support for dialogue and negotiations

12. The Committee commended the common commitment of the ANC and the South African Government to a peaceful process of negotiations. Recalling the historic work of the EPG in the evolution of this process, the Committee affirmed that the Commonwealth stands ready to assist in facilitating the negotiating process. In this context the Committee welcomed initiatives to provide assistance, through, for example, the provision of constitutional expertise and funding for research, conferences and seminars on issues and options for a post-apartheid South Africa.

Aid to victims and opponents of apartheid

13. The work of the Commonwealth network of non-governmental organisations, Skills for South Africa, established to provide training and work experience for black South Africans has assumed particular importance and relevance. The Committee therefore urged all governments to make more resources available to the network to enable it to meet the expected increase in the demand for its services. The Committee welcomed the proposal to establish an Expert Group on human resource development for a post-apartheid