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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA
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May I take this opportunity of extending the warm congratulations of my Delegation to you, Sir, and to your distinguished colleagues, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Fukishima, and Rapporteur, Mr. Lannung, on your election as officers of this Committee. I wish to assure you, Sir, that we have been most impressed by the way in which you have conducted our affairs. I should also like to welcome the distinguished delegates of Algeria, Burundi, Jamaica, Rwanda, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uganda -- the more so as three of the countries they represent are fellow members of the Commonwealth and two of them, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, are in the same geographical region as Canada. I am sure that all of them will make valuable contributions to our deliberations in this Committee. Questions of race relationship in South Africa constitute not only one of the most difficult and complex issues with which the United Nations is concerned, but also one of the most frustrating. Despite repeated exhortations of successive assemblies, the Government of South Africa has not seen fit to alter in any way the deplorable policy known as Apartheid; in fact, Sir, far from ameliorating this harsh and repressive policy, the Government of South Africa in the face of ever-increasing criticism has enacted even more stringent legislation. Let me say at the outset then, in clear simple terms, that the Government of Canada is irrevocably opposed to any form of racial discrimination regardless of where it is practised and that we condemn without any qualification whatever, ^{the} South African Government's policy of Apartheid. I do not think that I need dwell on this point which my Government has

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