

non-governmental organizations, gave an overview of the anti-apartheid movement in Switzerland.

69. The Information Service marked the beginning of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Namibia and All Other Colonial Territories (22 to 28 May 1989) by organizing an information meeting in the course of which the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights introduced films relating to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization.

70. In order to commemorate the Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners (11 October), the Information Service invited delegates, media representatives, non-governmental organizations and staff members to the screening of the United Nations film "Global Action against apartheid", at which an introductory statement was made by a representative of the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights.

71. Among other special events organized by the Information Service was an exhibit on "Apartheid South Africa", produced jointly by the Department of Public Information and the Centre against Apartheid. The inauguration, on 4 September at the Palais des Nations, was attended by over 100 people. The exhibit was widely publicized among the media, non-governmental organizations and the general public.

72. Television coverage was provided of a special press conference on human rights and AIDS given by the Centre for Human Rights and the World Health Organization.

73. On 22 October, the general public was invited to join in the celebration of United Nations Day (24 October). On this occasion the United Nations Office at Geneva organized - in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system at Geneva, and with the assistance of the Staff Council - an "Open House" during which a number of events took place, including a round table and debate on human rights issues chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights. The Information Service played a key role in the preparation, co-ordination and organization of this major public event. An interview with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva was broadcast live on Suisse Romande television. More than 11,000 people visited the Palais des Nations on that day.

B. Activities of other United Nations information centres and services

74. To generate broad public interest in human rights issues and public support for United Nations activities in the field of human rights, the United Nations information centres and services undertake a wide range of activities throughout the year, in connection with anniversaries pertaining to human rights issues in general, and with the commemoration of Human Rights Day (10 December) in particular.

75. The numerous information materials produced by the Department on human rights and related issues are distributed by United Nations information centres and services to various groups world-wide, including government officials, the media,