

independence of Namibia under United Nations auspices. The information strategy prepared by the Department in this regard aims at generating broad public interest in and support for Namibia's transition to independence and the role of the United Nations in this process. As part of its efforts toward this end, the Department has continued to implement its programme of activities related to Namibia, which it is mandated to carry out under the guidance of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

27. Prior to the deployment of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) in Namibia, a feature entitled "Towards an Independent Namibia" was produced as part of Perspective, the weekly in-depth radio programme of the Department. This English-language programme, which was adapted into Chinese, French, Russian, Swahili and Turkish, was distributed on tape to some 350 radio stations world-wide. The monthly 30-minute English-language radio programme, UN Africa, broadcast two programmes on Namibia, focusing on the question of Walvis Bay and on the launching of the Namibian independence process. Southern Africa Review, the twice-weekly radio programme adapted into Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Xhosa and Zulu, featured 14 programmes exclusively devoted to the various aspects of the question of Namibia. Other radio programmes in English, French, Russian, Portuguese, Swahili, Turkish, Dutch Papiamentu and French Creole also covered various aspects of the question of Namibia.

28. The video and television programmes of the Department, UN in Action and World Chronicle, also covered various aspects of the question of Namibia, including the role of the United Nations in the return of Namibian refugees and in the registration of Namibian voters, based on footage collected by the television crew dispatched to the country by the Department. A special video entitled "UN Build-Up in Namibia Continues" was prepared for CNN World Report. A 20-minute video documentary on Namibia's transition to independence, based on footage collected by the Department's video and television team in Namibia, was produced in English, French and Spanish for world-wide distribution. An Arabic version of the documentary is under preparation.

29. The question of Namibia was highlighted in each issue of the quarterly publication UN Chronicle. A 15-page cover story entitled "Namibia - The Making of a New Nation" was published in the March 1989 issue of UN Chronicle, including an overview of the history of Namibia during the past 100 years. The subsequent issues of UN Chronicle have featured extensive updates on the independence process of Namibia and on the situation in and around the country. Among special information materials produced by the Department were a pamphlet and a poster on "Namibia - Free and Fair Elections", which were widely distributed both in Namibia and throughout the world.

30. At the request of the UNTAG secretariat, the Department assisted in the production and distribution of the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Afrikaans.