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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Provision of Advisory Services in the Field of
Human Rights

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Report of the Secretary-General

I. INTRODUCTION

1. As it may be recalled, the Economic and Social Council by its resolution 1982/36, took note of the plan of action for assistance in the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Equatorial Guinea proposed by the Secretary-General 1/ on the basis of recommendations 2/ submitted by the expert appointed pursuant to resolution 33 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980 of the Commission on Human Rights 3/. In the same resolution the Council requested the Secretary-General, with expert assistance if necessary, to discuss with the Government of Equatorial Guinea the role that the United Nations could play in the implementation of the plan of action. Further it invited the Government of Equatorial Guinea to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this respect.

2. In pursuance of this resolution necessary steps were taken by the Secretary-General to maintain contact with the Government of Equatorial Guinea for the implementation of the plan of action.

1/ E/CN.4/1495, annex.

2/ E/CN.4/1439 and Add.1.

3/ E/1980/13 and Corr.1, chapter XXIV.

3. At its thirty-ninth session the Commission on Human Rights had before it the report of the Secretary-General 4/ informing the Commission of the result of the mission undertaken by two constitutional experts, Mr. Rubén Hernández Valle and Mr. Jorge Mario Laguardia, who were recruited by the Secretary-General at the request of the Government of Equatorial Guinea, to assist the Equatorial Guinea National Commission in the drafting of a new constitution for that country.

4. After the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1983/17) the Commission on Human Rights at the same session adopted resolution 1983/32 by which it recommended a draft resolution for adoption by the Economic and Social Council. The Council by its resolution 1983/33 requested the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the Government of Equatorial Guinea to consider what further measures could be taken by the United Nations to assist that Government in the continued implementation of the plan of action to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fortieth session.

11. IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1983/35

5. In order to implement the above-mentioned resolution the Secretary-General, on 6 June 1983 addressed a note verbale to the Government of Equatorial Guinea, requesting it to inform him, of the measures envisaged by the Government and assistance to be rendered by the United Nations for further implementation of the plan of action which was approved by the Commission. A further reminder was sent by the Secretary-General to the Government of Equatorial Guinea on 26 September 1983.

6. The Secretary-General wishes to inform the Commission that up to the time of the preparation of this report, no response had been received from the Government of Equatorial Guinea, hence no further action has been taken.

4/ E/CN.4/1983/17.