

## COSTA RICA

### Special Decisions or Action taken Re: Reporting, Including Urgent Action Procedure

#### CERD A/8418

##### Annex V

Text of communication sent to 17 states parties under article 9 of the convention adopted at the third session of the committee on 23 April 1971

At its third session, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in discharge of its responsibilities under article 9, paragraph 2, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, continued its consideration of the reports submitted by States Parties in accordance with paragraph 1 of that article.

It may be recalled that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is called upon, under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to submit annual reports to the General Assembly on its activities and to make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States Parties to the Convention.

In its communication adopted at its first session on 28 January 1970 CERD/C/R.12 contained in A/8027, annex III A) and transmitted to the States Parties in a note verbale by the Secretary-General on 27 February 1970, a copy of which is forwarded herewith, the Committee has laid down the type of information which it would expect to receive in pursuance of the provisions of article 9 of the Convention.

At its second session, on 16 September 1970, the Committee adopted a communication (A/8027, annex III B) addressed to States Parties whose reports under article 9 had been received, requesting them to compare the reports they had submitted with the communication adopted at the first session (CERD/C/R.12) and to furnish the Committee with information on those points which their reports did not cover. This communication was transmitted to the States Parties concerned by the Secretary-General in a note verbale dated 13 October 1970.

The Committee would appreciate it if the Government of [Costa Rica] would once again compare the information it has submitted with the communication adopted at the first session of the Committee and to furnish the Committee with all pertinent information by 15 July 1971. In this connection, attention is drawn to the summary records of the [41<sup>st</sup> - 58<sup>th</sup>] meetings of the third session of the Committee (CERD/C/SR.[41-58]), at which it discussed the report already submitted by [Costa Rica].

The summary records referred to above will be forwarded by the Secretary-General as soon as they are available in final form.

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## **Chapter II**

### **PREVENTION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING EARLY WARNING AND URGENT ACTION PROCEDURES**

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15. During the reporting period, the Committee also considered a number of situations under its early warning and urgent action procedure, including in particular the following.

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27. In the light of information received concerning the potential impact of a hydroelectric dam project on the situation of the indigenous peoples of Térraba in **Costa Rica**, the Committee expressed its concern that the people of Térraba had not been consulted. As the project would supposedly threaten the cultural and physical survival of the people, the Committee requested the State party to guarantee the rights of indigenous peoples and to provide information on the measures taken to ensure the effective participation of the people of Térraba by January 2011.

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