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1982 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOBILIZATION
FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the year 1982 as the International Year of Mobilization for Sanctions Against South Africa where racial discrimination has been practised as the official government policy since 1948. The aim of the year is to make world public opinion aware of the grave situation so as to mobilize mandatory sanctions against South Africa under the United Nations Chapter (Chapter VII).

2. In a statement at the launching of the Year by the UN Special Committee against apartheid, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said that it needed to be stressed that the denunciation against South Africa did not merely express humanity's sense of outrage at the cruelties and oppression inherent in the system of apartheid but a verdict that this institutionalized racial discrimination implies a systematic deprivation of the rights of the non-white population of such scope and intensity as to constitute a crime.

3. The Secretary-General said that the designation of 1982 as the International Year of Mobilization for Sanctions Against South Africa reflects an "accentuated sense of urgency in dealing with this grave situation."

4. For the most effective support and cooperation in the promotion of this Year's observance, school officials are enjoined to see to it that the study and discussion of the topic of apartheid is included in relevant academic subjects such as Social Studies, English and Pilipino in all school levels, and emphasizing the following themes:

- a) The ideal: A world community in which each person has an equal opportunity to develop to his fullest potential.
- b) The reality: Although progress has been made, injustice still exists in many societies, but none as blatant as apartheid in South Africa where

racial discrimination has been practiced as the official Government policy since 1948.

- c) The need for joint action: Peoples throughout the world need to work together to eliminate injustice and develop a social and economic system in which each will have equal opportunities.

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is requested.

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