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PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Letter dated 22 December 1976 from the President of
the Economic and Social Council addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to resolution 1990 (LX) of 11 May 1976, in which the Economic and Social Council authorized the President of the Council, in consultation with regional groups, to appoint a committee of 16 members of the Council, which would act as the preparatory committee of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

Following consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, I should like to inform you that I have appointed the following Member States: Algeria, Bulgaria, Colombia, France, Iraq, Jamaica, Nigeria, Philippines, Portugal, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela and Zaire.

During the consultations, however, one regional group expressed the hope that the number of members of the preparatory committee would be increased from 16 to 21. As the Economic and Social Council has completed its work for the current year, it might want to consider this proposal at its organizational session for 1977.

(Signed) Simeon AKE
President of the
Economic and Social Council