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INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION OF LAWYERS CONVENED IN RELATION TO NAMIBIA

An international consultation of lawyers was convened by the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia to discuss implementation of the Namibia Decree No.1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia. The consultation was held at United Nations Headquarters on 24-25 May 1975.

The Decree on the natural resources of Namibia was adopted by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its 209th meeting on 27 September 1974 and by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session (document A/RES/3295) 1974, in order to ensure that the natural resources of Namibia are not exploited to the detriment of the Territory of Namibia, its people or environmental assets.

The lawyers participating in the consultation included the following:

Leonard Boudin, United States, attorney and Visiting Professor, University of California, Berkeley, California (Fall 1975);

Augustus F. Caine, Liberia, attorney-at-law, Office of the Commissioner for Namibia;

Joel Carlson, United Kingdom, Attorney, New York, formerly attorney in South Africa, Botswana and Lesotho;

Eugene Cotran, United Kingdom, Barrister-at-law, London;

Michael Davis, Namibian-born, attorney, New York, formerly advocate in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland;

Hans Göran Franck, Sweden, Advocate;

Thomas Franck, Canada, Professor of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, New York University and Osgood Hall;

Thomas Kellock, United Kingdom, Q.C., England;

Elizabeth Landis, United States, attorney and legal consultant, New York;

Séan Mac Bride, Ireland, Senior Counsel and United Nations Commissioner for Namibia;

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Paulette Pierson-Mathy, Belgium, Professor, Faculté de Droit, Université de Bruxelles;

Neville Rubin, South Africa, Lecturer in African Law, University of London, England;

K. Randlett Walster, United States, attorney, Rabinowitz, Boudin and Standard, New York; and

Peter Weiss, United States, attorney and director, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York.

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