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THE ROLE OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS
SUBJECT OF MEDIA SEMINAR SCHEDULED 1 - 2 JULY 1982 IN GENEVA

The role of foreign corporate involvement in southern Africa will be the subject of a United Nations Seminar for news media to be held in Geneva on 1 and 2 July 1982.

The Seminar is being organized by the Division for Economic and Social Information of the United Nations Department of Public Information (DESI/DPI) in co-operation with the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the United Nations Centre against Apartheid. It will be held at the Palais des Nations.

The Seminar in Geneva will bring together members of the media as well as representatives of trade unions, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, business groups, particularly from the Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland.

The Geneva Seminar is one of a series of symposia which the United Nations is organizing worldwide with a view to discussing, in the home countries of transnational corporations, the activities of these corporations in South Africa and Namibia. The focus of this particular seminar will be Switzerland and the Federal Republic of Germany. Called for by the Economic and Social Council (Resolution 1979/1975 and 1980/1959), the aim of this series is to make decision-makers and the general public in the home countries of transnational corporations more aware of the political, economic, social, military, cultural and other implications of their collaboration with South Africa. The first three seminars were held in London and the Hague (1980) and Detroit (1981). Among the subjects to be addressed in Geneva will be the political, economic, military and labour implications of corporate involvement in southern Africa. The Seminar will also consider national and international policy options and will investigate the role that can be played by key opinion-formers in implementing the General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on South Africa and Namibia.

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Please find enclosed two documents specially prepared for our forthcoming seminar on 1 and 2 July in Geneva (Palais des Nations, Room V).

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