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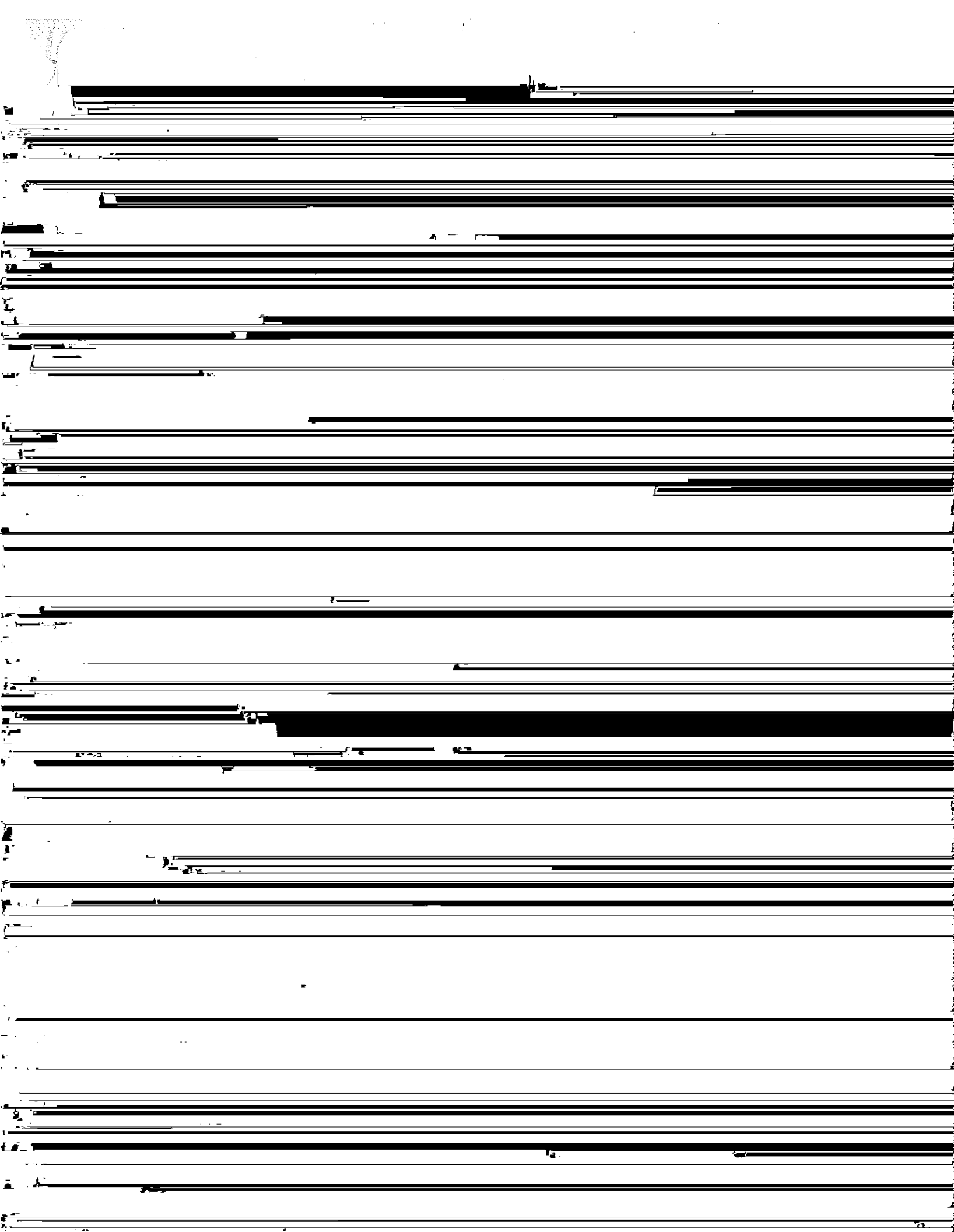
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Annex I:	Text of General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI)	45
Annex II:	Text of General Assembly resolution 2248 (S.V)	

I. BACKGROUND TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Namibia 2/ lies alongside the South Atlantic coast of Africa and borders on South Africa, Botswana, Angola and Zambia. It covers an area of 318,261 square miles (824,269 square kilometres), approximately the size of France and Britain put together, but its population according to official 1974 South African estimates numbered only about 852,000, one of the lowest population densities in Africa. Of these, 753,000 were classified as "non-whites" and 99,000 as "whites". The former are in turn subdivided into various groups according to South Africa's policy of subdividing the non-white, but not the white, population, into tribal or ethnic subgroups. 3/ The largest black group are the Ovambos (396,000) followed by the Damaras, Hereros, Nama, and San.



When in 1920, following Germany's defeat in the First World War, South West Africa became a League of Nations Mandate under South African administration. It might have seemed to the Africans that the time had come for the recovery of their lands. They had been encouraged in this belief by the Allied denunciations of the German colonial system as well as the German demand for the return of their colonies.

of the then Union of South Africa, Lord Buxton. But the South African conquest, if anything, made their struggle for survival even more difficult. Although the "well-being and development" of the people formed, in the paternalistic words of article 22 of the Covenant, "a sacred trust of civilization" and although, under the terms of the Mandate, the mandatory Power was to promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being of the inhabitants of South Africa, the Government

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than the one in which he was born or resides for reasons of employment. 12/
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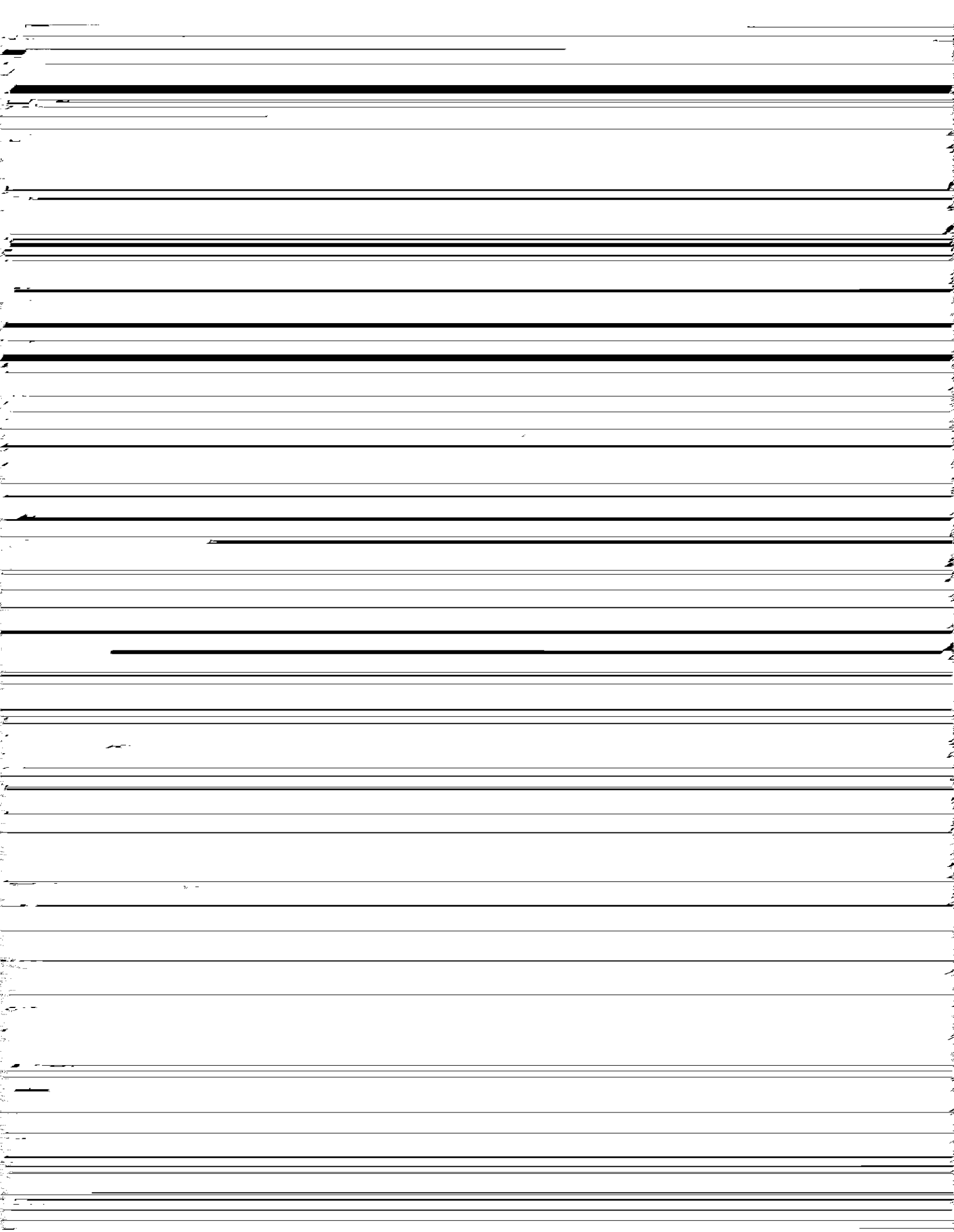
Although the entire venture is shrouded in a veil of secrecy imposed by South Africa through the Atomic Energy Act, it appears that 46 per cent of the shares in the Rössing mine are held by the Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation, Ltd. (RTZ) of the United

appears to be clearly established that the United Kingdom, France and Japan have

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G. LABOUR CONDITIONS 44/

The huge profits reaped by foreign and South African companies in Namibia derive largely from cheap labour. An illustration of this was provided by an



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3. "Sabotage Act" of 1962 57/

The Act, which provides for penalties ranging from five years' imprisonment to death, also authorizes in section 6 the indefinite detention, incommunicado, of any person suspected of being or having aided a terrorist or having withheld information about a terrorist until the Commissioner of Police has satisfied himself that he has "satisfactorily" replied to all questions and that no useful purpose would be served by his detention.

In a clear violation of the principle of non-retroactivity, the Act makes the

5. BOSS Act of 1969 58/

Under this law, any cabinet minister or authorized agent of the Prime Minister may prevent a Court from hearing testimony by a witness if the minister or agent certifies in writing that in his opinion the evidence or information would be prejudicial to "the interests of the State of public security". Under this provision, for example, a former detainee may be barred from testifying as to torture during interrogation or from seeking damages for maltreatment.

6. Proclamation No. R.17 of 1972 59/

7 Internal Security Amendment Act 1976

This Act amends the Suppression of Communism Act to give the South African