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Abstract: Amnesty International (AI), founded in 1961, is a worldwide movement campaigning for the vindication of internationally recognised human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly Resolution 217A(III) on 10 December 1948. These records document AI's involvement in the anti-apartheid struggle over decades and its monitoring of human abuses of South African citizens under apartheid.

Introduction

Amnesty International (AI) was founded in 1961 and is a worldwide movement of approximately one million people engaged in numerous campaigns for the vindication of internationally recognized human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly Resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948.

To this end AI undertakes research and embarks on action to prevent and put an end to the violation of human rights worldwide.

The movement attempts to realize its vision by striving for impartiality and independence from any political affiliation. The records that constitute the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Papers of Amnesty International collection document AI's involvement in the anti-Apartheid struggle over the decades as well as its monitoring of human rights abuses of South African citizens under Apartheid.

This engagement culminates in the Amnesty's active support of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

Related Materials

The collection can also be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at: http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/trc_directory.pdf

The following collections resulted from the TRC Archival Audit:

AL3021: Sooka, Yasmin

AL3059: Dealing with the Past (Conference of Protestant Academy of Bad Boll, Germany)

AL3060: The State vs. P.W. Botha and Appeal



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- AL3061: Auditor General Reports on the Accounts of the TRC.
- AL3062: Office of the Public Protector, Synopsis of Cases regarding Complaints involving the TRC
- AL3063: Documents relating to the TRC Special Hearings on Health
- AL3066: Materials Relating To TRC Faith Hearings
- AL3068: Harris, Verne
- AL3100: Submission to the TRC concerning Relevance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Commissions Mandate
- AL3101: Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal, TRC Submission
- AL3102: Amnesty International TRC Materials
- AL3103: Institute for Healing Memories (IHOM) TRC Materials
- AL3110: Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr)
- AL3115: Argall, Jane
- AL3116: Cherry, Janet
- AL3118: Marcus, Gilbert
- AL3119: Sheila Meintjies and Beth Goldblatt
- AL3120: Ross, Fiona
- AL3121: Julian Knight and Rudolph Jansen
- AL3125: The Challenge of Reconciliation: A Response of Church and Lay Persons to the TRC
- AL3126: Confession and Reconciliation: A Challenge to Churches in South Africa
- AL3128: Terreblanche, Christelle
- AL3129: Zapiro TRC Collection
- AL3130: African National Congress (ANC) TRC Materials
- AL3131: Cosatu Submission to the TRC
- AL3132: Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Submission to the TRC
- AL3134: Iphepha Ndaba Newsletters from the Western Cape
- AL3135: Fester, Gertrude
- AL3136: Villa-Vicencio, Charles
- AL3137: Behr, Mark
- AL3141: Human Rights Watch Materials
- AL3142: NGO Working Committee on Reparations Materials
- AL3143: IDASA Sound Recordings Relating to the TRC

Notes

The records accumulations that make up this collection are divided into two discrete archival groups. The first group comprises records that document Amnesty International's immediate response to the TRC. The second group is a detailed index of AI's archive of published materials and reports on South Africa that was used by numerous individuals and organisations for researching and compiling their respective submissions to the TRC.

Materials collected from TRC Archival Audit.

The TRC Archival Audit

Between 2003 and 2006, SAHA and Historical Papers, University of Witwatersrand embarked on a project to locate, retrieve and make available records relating to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC). The project entailed conducting an archival audit of all existing TRC records in order to identify and locate documentation in danger



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of being lost.

In the process of conducting the archival audit, SAHA and HP located many collections from individuals and organizations that participated in the TRC process, including this collection. Selections from these materials as well as TRC related material found in the freedom of Information Collection and other pre-existing SAHA and HP collections, were digitized and can be accessed online at <http://truth.wvl.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at http://www.saha.org.za/pdf/trc_directory.pdf

Classification

- 1: RECORDS DOCUMENTING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TRC
 - 1.1: COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 - 1.2: TRC APPOINTMENTS
 - 1.3: SUBMISSION
 - 1.4: CONTRA IMPUNITY
 - 1.5: EXCERPTS FROM REPORTS
 - 1.6: JOINT STATEMENT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL/HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
- 2: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TRC PROJECT FILES (PAPER-BASED)
- 3: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TRC PROJECT FILES (CD-ROM)

Inventory

- 1: Records documenting Amnesty International's involvement with the TRC
 - 1.1: Memorandum to the Select Committee on Justice. Comments and Recommendations by Amnesty International on the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Bill 13 January 1995
[13 January 1995]
 - 1.2: South Africa: Amnesty International supports call for public role in Truth Commission appointments 19 July 1995
[19 July 1995]
 - 1.3: Submission from Amnesty International to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Hearings on the Health Sector, Cape Town, South Africa, 17 - 18 June 1997
[17 - 18 June 1997]
 - 1.4: Letter to Alex Boraine Vice-Chairperson of the TRC to which a list of documents for preparation of Prison Hearings is attached 1 July 1997
[1 July 1997]
 - 1.5: Public Statement: South Africa: No impunity for perpetrators of human rights abuses 29 July 1999
[29 July 1999]
 - 1.6: Joint document of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch: 'Truth and Justice: Unfinished Business in South Africa' February 2003
[February 2003]
- 2: Amnesty International TRC Project Files (paper-based)
 - 2.1: AI Archives Torture, Ill-treatment and Deaths. Cases detailed according to following scheme 1960s to 1980s
[1960s]
Name of victim, Date of first incident, Location of first incident/arrest, Nature of violation, Perpetrators identified (yes/no) and Medical aspect (yes/no)



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- 2.1: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1984
[1984]
- 2.2: AI Archives Torture, Ill-treatment and Deaths 1960s to 1994
[1960s]
- 2.2: AI published materials and reports on south Africa,1994
[1994]
- 2.3: List of AI-Materials on South Africa ordered according to the following scheme 1960s through 1970s
[1960s]
Title of AI publication, Date, AI-Index
- 2.4: Amnesty International (AI) Published Materials and Reports on South Africa, 1960s
[1960s]
- 2.5: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1970s
[1970s]
- 2.6: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1980
[1980]
- 2.7: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1981
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- 2.8: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1982
[1982]
- 2.9: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1983
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- 2.10: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1984
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- 2.11: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1985
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- 2.12: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1986
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- 2.13: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1987
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- 2.14: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1988
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- 2.15: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1989
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- 2.16: AI published materials and reports on South Africa, 1990
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- 2.17: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1991
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- 2.18: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1992
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- 2.19: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1993
[1993]
- 2.20: AI published materials and reports on South Africa,1994
[1994]
- 3: Amnesty International TRC Project Files (CD-ROM)
 - 3.1: AI electronic index of all paper-based files listed under 2 above, 6 August 2003
[6 August 2003]