

# The United Nations and Apartheid: A Comprehensive Exploration



## The United Nations and Apartheid 1948-1994 (The United Nations Blue Books Series ; V. 1) by Jonathan Rieder

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Apartheid, a system of racial segregation and discrimination, was a defining feature of South African society from 1948 to 1994. The United Nations played a significant role in the fight against apartheid, and its efforts are documented in *The United Nations and Apartheid 1948-1994: The United Nations Blue Book*.

This book provides a comprehensive account of the UN's involvement in the anti-apartheid movement. It covers a wide range of topics, including the UN's early condemnation of apartheid, the establishment of the Special Committee against Apartheid, and the UN's role in the negotiations that led to the end of apartheid.

The book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of apartheid, the UN's role in promoting human rights, and the fight against racial discrimination.

### **The United Nations' Early Condemnation of Apartheid**

The United Nations first condemned apartheid in 1946, when the General Assembly passed a resolution calling for an end to racial discrimination in South Africa. In 1950, the General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring apartheid a "crime against humanity." These resolutions laid the foundation for the UN's long-standing commitment to fighting apartheid.

### **The Establishment of the Special Committee against Apartheid**

In 1962, the General Assembly established the Special Committee against Apartheid. The Committee's mandate was to investigate the situation in South Africa and to make recommendations for action by the UN. The Committee played a leading role in the international campaign against apartheid, and its reports helped to raise awareness of the issue and to mobilize support for the anti-apartheid movement.

### **The UN's Role in the Negotiations that Led to the End of Apartheid**

In the 1980s, the UN played a key role in the negotiations that led to the end of apartheid. The UN Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, was personally involved in the negotiations, and the UN helped to create a climate of dialogue and cooperation between the South African government and the anti-apartheid movement.

In 1994, South Africa held its first multiracial elections, and apartheid was finally brought to an end. The UN played a significant role in this historic transition, and its efforts helped to ensure that the elections were free and fair.

The United Nations played a vital role in the fight against apartheid. Its early condemnation of apartheid, the establishment of the Special Committee against Apartheid, and its role in the negotiations that led to the end of apartheid were all essential to the anti-apartheid movement's success.

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