



PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

The practice of apartheid and racial bigotry continues to offend human decency and human dignity. Racism is an affront to all mankind.

The arrogant cruelty and stupidity of those who practice discrimination or pretend to racial superiority can only be condemned.

We see this annual commemoration as the occasion to recommit the world community to enhancing the equality of man and to opposing racism in all its forms by all responsible means that are available. In the pursuit of the equality of man with man there can be no ultimate compromise.

The Government and people of Australia declare their continuing abhorrence of racism wherever it occurs and will work at all times through every reasonable measure open to them to achieve equality and self-esteem for all men and women.
