



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

1997-1998

FORTY EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

*The 50th Anniversary of the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights*

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (S.A.DIV.) Inc

PATRON His Excellency Sir Eric Neal, AC, CM
Governor of South Australia

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1997 -- 1998

PRESIDENT Mrs Heather Southcott AM

VICE-PRESIDENTS
Mr John Crawford
Dr Malcolm McArthur
Mr Ron Hall

HON. SECRETARY Position vacant

HON. TREASURER Mr John Crawford

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
INDIVIDUAL
Mr Ivo Elts
Mr Ricky Lee
Mr Deepack Bista
Mr Paul Butler
Ms Sathavy Suos (part year)

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
CORPORATE
Australian Labor Party
Mr Michael Wait (part year)
Mr Stephen Graney (part year)

UNICEF (S.A.)
Mrs. Judy Koch

Women's International League for Peace & Fr
Ms Annie Steven

Catholic Women's League
Mrs Sheila Hill (part year)

Spiritual Assembly f Baha'is of Burnside
Mrs Denise Ilsley (part year)

OBSERVERS ATTEND MEETINGS
From United Nations Youth Association (secondary)
From United Nations Student Association (tertiary)

OTHER POSITIONS
Auditor KPMG
Hon. Librarian Mrs Cynthia James

UNAA Status of Women Committee
President; Mrs Marilyn Rolls
Secretary Mrs Alleyne Womersley

VOLUNTEERS
Michael Shepherd Mark Scholz Carol Trout
Mabs Tassell CYNthia James Heather Southcott
Shirley Gitsham Patrick Flannagan

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
(SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION)INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT : 1997 - 1998 Mrs HEATHER SOUTHCOTT

The past year has been one of great change, and of course, new opportunities. Some of the opportunities are yet to be realised, but we are working on them.

Our main task has been one of consolidation and keeping on top of our current commitments.

We finally moved into our new office in the Torrens Building on JULY 1st 1997.

Special thanks to Cynthia James , Mark Scholz , and John Crawford who helped me with the move.

A great deal of my time has been spent over the past year in representing us and other Tenants on the Torrens Building Steering committee and Tenants Forum.

We still have significant issues needing resolution.

For example, we are still waiting for a light in our storage area so we can unpack and sort our cartons!

TREASURER :

A great blessing to me and UNAA has been John Crawford agreeing to be our Treasurer. He keeps our books on his computer which certainly makes it easier for us and the Auditor.

The financial aspects fo the move are basically; .

RENT :

We still pay the same rate as before (with help of a Government subsidy). But, We now pay for Cleaning 26-35 , ETSA \$66.08 and Security \$5.82 per month (approx \$100 month); that is approx \$1200 extra we need to find each year. This was anticipated in our lease agreement.

FEDERAL FINANCES :

We were advised by the Fed. Govt. that our grant was to drop from \$60,000 to \$10,000 per year. This led to the publication of UNITY in newspaper format and distribution by Federal ceasing. We, in South Australia believe that is essential that all members receive copies of the weekly UNITY UPDATES. So we carry this additional cost.

PLANNING DAY :

Was held on MARCH 7th, when we assessed our strengths and weaknesses and identified areas we need to work on.

- Fundraising; this is obvious as we live on a small grant from State Government (\$3500 per year) plus our membership subscriptions,
- Membership recruitment; our membership comes and goes overall the numbers stay much the same. We need every member to try to find new members,
- Profile raising; this would lead to increasing membership but we need members to organise events. We hope to have a large public meeting in the middle of the year addressed by Jan Fischer from UNITED NATIONS Information Centre in Sydney before he is recalled to New York.

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- Technology; we need at least basic computer equipment; preferably one that will allow us access to E-Mail and the Internet,
- More regular office volunteers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS : The A.G.M.in may ratified the increase recommended by the executive.

Individual \$25 ; Family \$30 ; Concession \$10 ; Assoc. & Schools \$25 ; Corporations \$50.

DONATIONS : We do thank members who have added a donation with their subscription; some could be in the "widow's mite" category.

DEATH OF DR HUGH BRAY : We were greatly saddened by Hugh's death on JULY 16th after a long illness. Hugh had been associated with the S.A. Div. over many years in a variety of capacities. He served as President some years ago; at the time of his death he had completed a term as Div. vice-president and office volunteer.

Some of us attended his memorial service in Pilgrim Church and a donation was made in his name to the Royal Society for the Blind. I regret he was not to see our new office in operation.

EXECUTIVE : We welcomed Denise Ilsley (Bahai's) , Sheila Hill (Catholic Women's League and Status of Women Committee) , Sathavy Suos (Originally from Cambodia) , at different time during the year. Also Stephen Graney is our new ALP representative.

VOLUNTEER OFFICE STAFF : Cynthia James continues to carry the most responsibility; other helpers include Mabs Tassell , Heather Southcott , Carol Trout , Mark Scholz , Michael Shepherd , Shirley Gitsham , Ron Hall and Patrick Flannagan , at different times over the past year.

We need more permanent staffing ; have prospects in line for JUNE 1998.

ONE WORLD COLLECTIVE Inc. Will soon be deregistered, as it is no longer needed with the move to Torrens Building.

TORRENS BUILDING COMMUNITY AGENCIES FAIR :was held on FEBRUARY 5th ; an opportunity for tenants and the public to learn more about us.

CHOCOLATE SALES : Were promoted by both UNAA and UNYA to raise funds.

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT : We appreciate the continuing support by the Premier (\$3500).

NORMAN PERCY COLE TRUST : Once again we received \$4000 to be used in our work with children and youth.

LIBRARY and PROVISION OF INFORMATION :
Cynthia James continues to be a source of information for many inquirers.

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U.N. Information is continually being loaded onto the Internet. The office would welcome the provision of a fax machine.

SCHOOL PACKS :

Were distributed in time for World Health day, which had as its theme " SAFE MOTHERHOOD" . Kits were sent to relevant community groups.

NETWORKING : Continues with groups such as :

Amnesty ; Global Education ; UNICEF ; UNIFEM ; STTARS ; REFUGEE ASSOC.: CELEBRATING Diversity ; WILPF ; Graham Smith Peace Trust ; Gun Control alliance ; Overseas Service Bureau ; Red Cross ; Environmental Defenders Office ; Equal Opportunity Humanis ; Multi faith Assoc. ; S.A. Council of Churches ; Volunteer Centre ; Human Rights Groups ; Regional office of Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade etc etc. Disability Groups.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : MAY 11th 1997

Theme was Indigenous Human Rights-Canada and Australia. Bev Hall who had returned from working with the first Nation Communities in Canada introduced our two speakers.

Denis Easter - an OJIBWE Educator from Manitoba , Canada.

MAJOR Sumner - from the Aboriginal Sobriety Group who spent a year on work exchange in Alberta , Canada.

SPECIAL INTERESTS DURING THE YEAR .

Gulf War; MAI; Landmines ; Indigenous Land rights.

SURVIVAL of HREOC : We worked with other groups to lobby in support of HREOC.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED : Justice for Cyprus ; Red Cross A.G.M. ; Gulf Peace Action Group ; MAI forum ; Multi Cultural Forum Federal Conference in Melbourne ; Celebrating Diversity A.G.M. Aus Aid Seminar ; Red Cross & Defence Force Dinner ; on Int. Humanitarian Law in South Africa ; Red Cross Seminar on 20th Anniversary of optional Protocols to Geneva Convention; Meetings of Torrens Building Tenants with Premier , Decade for Indigenous peoples was celebrated on Sept. 8th 1997 Organised by Ron Hall.

WORK CONTINUES of UNYA , UNSA , Status of Women Committee; reported separately thank you.

WE CONTINUED our INVOLVEMENT WITH UNIFEM Breakfast, CHILDREN'S WEEK , REFUGEE WEEK , UN DAY 24th was marked with a UNIFEM / UNAA Dinner .

President was on the reference group for the TWIST OF FATE display at the MIGRATION MUSEUM (H.R.aspects).

STUDENT INTERN from POLITICS Dept. of U of A : Emma Stone, supervised by Paul Butler worked on Multi national Corporations and the Role in making sure they abide by UN Human rights Standards.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS :

- Unley , Mitcham legacy Widows
- Italian Community Group at Payneham
- Adelaide Theosophical Society
- Students at Lorato College on World Indigenous Issues
- Sea of hands
- Bahai University Students
- Bahai Group at Unley (televised on ACE TV)
- Vision tree Opening of Post Cards for Peace

I like to thank our members , Volunteers and Executive members for their support.



STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

(SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION)



ANNUAL REPORT 1997 - 1998

The Status of Women Committee is a committee of the South Australian Division of the United Nations of Australia. Our Committee's terms of reference are to examine and where necessary to take action with regard to all factors - political, educational, economic, legal and social - which affect the equality of the status of men and women. In particular, to study and help implement the World Plan of Action, which was ratified at the World Conference on Women. We are committed to upholding the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (C.E.D.A.W.), adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1979.

Membership is open to any organisation or individual interested in promoting women's rights as laid down in the United Nations Decade For Women. Currently, 20 women's organisations are represented on our committee, and a number of individual members, many of whom have previously been organisational representatives.

MAJOR ISSUES:

Throughout this year, the Status of Women Committee has continued its keen interest in women prisoners, and in May 1997 a delegation met with the Minister for Correctional Services to discuss a number of issues including individual assessment and case management programs for women prisoners, incentives, separation of drug users from non-users, training and education opportunities for women, literacy programs, skills development, access to children, improvements to existing facilities, and health care and rehabilitation.

At the Minister's suggestion, we wrote to the new Chief Executive Officer of her Department, Mr. John Paget, who responded immediately and attended our June 1997 meeting to speak to us about his views and visions for Correctional Services. He is particularly interested in issues concerning women prisoners, expansion of psychological services, setting up of therapeutic and transitional units and crisis support services for women, and expanding the role of chaplaincy. He plans to continue the work begun by his predecessor, Ms. Sue Vardon, especially the implementation of case management and development of a Strategic Plan for Correctional Services. Our Committee has developed good relationships with senior management of the Department and women's prison, and plan to visit the women's prison complex again at Northfield in July 1998,

We are closely associated with the Friends of Women in Prison group, (formerly called the Adelaide Women's Prison Support Group), as three of our committee members are represented on its Coordinating Committee. The Friends of Women in Prison group has obtained several grants and the use of a large residence to establish supervised post release accommodation for women prisoners. "Taryn House", has been operational since January 1998, and has so far accommodated six former women prisoners for varying periods of time. We have also assisted with organising two public meetings - one in September 1997, and one in May 1998, which have focussed on innovations in programs at Adelaide women's prison, and on prison management reforms in the U.S.A.

Several of our committee members have also been invited to join a reference group for a University of South Australia social research project into the effects that separation from their mothers has on children of women prisoners. The project is expected to be completed by July 1998.

We joined the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, after the Australian Government decided to sign the Brussels Declaration of Principles and to participate in the Oslo Conference. In May 1997, we wrote to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence urging a Ban on the Use, Stockpiling, Production, and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines. We wrote again in March to urge early ratification of the Ottawa Convention by Parliament, so that Australia would commit funds for research into mine detection and clearance technology ahead of achieving the 40 signatories needed for the Treaty to become legally binding internationally. We were pleased to receive a reply from a Senior Adviser to each Minister confirming that the process of Australia's ratification is under way and expected to be completed by late 1998. Considerable details were also given of the significant contribution Australia has already made to international demining programs in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Laos and Mozambique.

Our committee was represented at a meeting held by Disability Action Inc. in early August to discuss severe funding cuts to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, with a consequent heavy loss of staff, and a proposal to transfer all of the Commission's hearing functions to the Federal Court. We joined the lobbying campaign concerned about the restructuring into a new Human Rights and Responsibilities Commission with a President and three Deputy Presidents, instead of the six specialist Discrimination Commissioners. We were most concerned at the dismantling of the Sex Discrimination Policy Unit, and the pulping of all their publications.

We identified 20 issues of concern which were sent to the Federal Convener of U.N.A.A. Status of Women, who submitted a list to Senator Jocelyn Newman, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women. We also provided information about our Committee to our Federal Convener, who attended the Round Table Conference of non-government women's organisations in August 1997, and contributed to discussions between non-government women's organisations about an Optional Protocol for C.E.D.A.W. prior to the Round Table Conference. A deputation of non-government women's organisations met with the Prime Minister to argue the case for retaining a specialist Sex Discrimination Commissioner. (The Prime Minister announced the appointment of a replacement Sex Discrimination Commissioner in March 1998 on International Women's Day).

We learned that Senator Jeannie Ferris had held several Round Table sessions in Adelaide for women's groups in February 1998. As the Senator is the South Australian representative for the present Minister for the Status of Women, Judi Moylan, we wrote to introduce our group and to ask if we could be invited to future Round Table discussions in Adelaide.

In July 1997, an expert international committee assessed the Australian Government's performance in implementing the C.E.D.A.W. Convention. This was the third periodic official Government Report of Australia, and non-Government Australian women's organisations prepared an Alternative Report which they submitted to the expert Committee. The Status of Women Committee (S.A.) was one of the contributors, and the review of the Convention helped us to focus on areas needing further attention, and identified goals for future activities. In addition to assessing the Australian Government's compliance with the C.E.D.A.W. Convention, our Committee is continuing to monitor the Government's implementation of its commitments to the World Platform for Action, which were presented to the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in September 1995.

We assisted Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in organising a public seminar on 30 March, at which the guest speaker was Gertrude Mongella, former United Nations Secretary-General at the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in September 1995. Our Committee also contributed funds towards expenses and also contributed funds towards expenses and obtained a donation from the Minister for the Status of Women. Gertrude's talk "Women, the World, Post Beijing", was very well attended by over 200 women from a wide diversity of ages social and ethnic backgrounds. Her speech was very inclusive, humorous and inspiring. The seminar was a fitting contribution to the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebrations.

As members of our Committee had originally suggested the alternative daytime lecture for those unable to attend the Mitchell Oration dinners, we usually organise the daytime sessions conjointly with the Equal Opportunity Commission, and have held preliminary discussions with the Commissioner concerning the 1998 Mitchell Oration, which will mark both the 10th Oration and the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Members of this Committee have attended many forums, seminars and functions on a diverse range of issues, including several reconciliation meetings with Aboriginal Women at Sophia Centre, and other public reconciliation gatherings and functions throughout the year. In November 1997, a public meeting was held to consider setting up a South Australian Women's Trust; and the Australian Church Women held their A.G.M. We were invited to attend a Conference on "Preventing Adult Rape and Sexual Assault" organised by Yarrow Place and the S.A. Police Sexual Assault Section in December. Business and Professional Women's Adelaide Club's held their 45th Year International Candlelighting Ceremony in February with Anne Levy as guest speaker; the highly successful UNIFEM Breakfast with Robyn Archer as guest speaker; and the 60th International Women's Day Luncheon with the Lord Mayor, Dr. Jane Lomax-Smith, were both held in March. A workshop to consider the implication for women of the establishment of a Social Development Strategy for the City of Adelaide was held in April; and a No Diet Day breakfast was hosted in May by the Y.W.C.A. and South Australian Women's Trust Implementation Committee.

Concern was expressed by the Committee about the social effects of gambling, the amount of advertising spent promoting it, and the large numbers of women of all ages who are being attracted into hotels and becoming addicted to gambling. Status of Women Committee has suggested that a study of the effects of gambling on women might be a suitable research project for a final year politics student at the University of Adelaide.

Our Committee has held further discussions with the City Council regarding the concept design for the Norman Street site, and the re-erection of the century old facade of the former South Adelaide Creche. The Status of Women Committee believes that the facade must be fully restored and incorporated in the design. We will continue negotiations until a satisfactory outcome is achieved.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Association, Status of Women Committee and Amnesty International asked non-government organisations to participate in celebrations and raise awareness of human rights issues. It was suggested that an Internet site could be created to feature the Declaration and a regularly updated calendar of events, and groups could add to this and promote their work for human rights. Work is currently under way to create the site. A Multi-cultural Forum has been held, and a Public Seminar with Gertrude Mongella. It has been suggested that schools' letter writing competitions and public library displays could be organised.

Non-government organisations are being encouraged to contribute to government discussions and preparations for the annual sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (C.S.W.) has decided that the following themes from the World Platform for Action will be priorities in 1998: Violence Against Women; Women and Armed Conflict; Human Rights of Women; and The Girl Child. Other themes from the World Platform for Action have been set for each year until the year 2000. With such an agenda, the Status of Women Committee will continue to be part of a world wide movement of women dedicated to achieving significant improvements in all areas affecting the status of women.

Marilyn Rolls
President,
U.N.A.A. (S.A. Division) Status of Women Committee

May 1998

The United Nations Youth Association of South Australia (UNYA SA)

In May 1997, UNYA organised the inaugural Boutros-Ghali Shield Competition. School teams of three participated in a mock Security Council session for two days. The teams debated on issues of international importance and they were put to the test with crisis resolutions and a UN Charter amendment. We had the pleasure of the company of Justice B. Lander to assist in adjudicating the Competition.

South Australia was represented by 7 delegates at the 1997 National Conference in Hobart. The delegates showed enthusiasm and determination, with one of our delegates, Julian Egan, being selected to attend THIMUN with the Australian delegation.

The Annual General Meeting was held in July 1997, with the following members elected to the Executive:

Scott Ma - President

Nicholas Frost - Vice President

Julian Egan - Vice President

Michael van Dissel - Treasurer

John Brew - Secretary

Beth Warwick - Communiqué Editor

Thomas Phillips - Assistant Treasurer

Jodie Carter - Assistant Secretary

Danielle Fribbins - Executive without Portfolio

Belinda Glass - Executive without Portfolio

Amanda Magee - Executive without Portfolio

Edward Moorfield - Executive without Portfolio

Michelle Nankivell - Executive without Portfolio

Emma Roberts - Executive without Portfolio

The September State Conference was held at Marryatville High School. This Conference's theme was 'It's our world, it's our United Nations'. Over 20 students heard from Dr Michael Sullivan and Mr Ricky Lee. The delegates then participated in discussion groups and a mock General Assembly session, debating various resolutions.

The Global Information Committee, chaired by Michael van Dissel, has written to all embassies and consulates in Australia. We have received many replies and we are still awaiting more.

The Social Activities Committee, chaired by Michelle Nankivell, has been responsible for arranging activities for our members to meet in a social setting.

The Secondary Awareness Committee, chaired by Danielle Fribbins, has sent packs to schools during the year in the hope that schools will start interest clubs on the United Nations. This will boost the membership to UNYA and increase the awareness of the organisation in the schools.

Although the Communiqué has experienced delays, members have been informed of UNYA activities and affairs through our journal with the aid of the editor, Beth Warwick. Once again, the Communiqué is still envied in the other Divisions of UNYA. We hope to continue this trend in the future.

The National Council of UNYA has continued to progress in the interest of UNYA. A policy platform is in the process of being written. Each Division of UNYA will contribute to the platform. UNYA SA is responsible for creating a policy on International Law and Human Rights.

At the time of writing this report, UNYA was organising the May State Conference - 'Development, Fixing a Troubled World', the 1998 Boutros-Ghali Shield Competition - with Senator Natasha Stott-Despoja as the special guest, and the selection of the delegation to the 1998 National Conference in Brisbane. In July, UNYA SA will be placing a proposal to the National Council for the 2000 National Conference and we hope to succeed in this venture.

UNYA has continued to prosper despite low membership. However, I believe that we will overcome this in the coming months.

Scott Ma
President, UNYA SA

UNSA REPORT

The United Nations Students Association this year has had a relatively successful year. Our membership increased from 29 the previous year to around 80 this year and we have expanded our activities to include Flinders University as well as our traditional base at the University of Adelaide. This year we have ran the Global Awareness Seminar series, which included discussion on issues such as environment, human rights, culture, economics, peace and poverty. There were also a series of Cultural Dinners that, as social activities go, have been successful. The efforts of Ms Katheryn Curnow, Ms Pasqualina Callea and Ms Gabrielle Hummel have been fruitful in making UNSA a successful organisation on campus.

The organisation for the U.N.Adelaide International Model United Nations Conference, is now well under way under the guidance of the Secretary-General, Ms Sam Burgess. The conference organising team is confident that the conference would be a successful one.

I would like to thank the UNAA for its continual support for UNSA, without which the successes we have had would have been impossible. I wish the new president, Ms Katheryn Curnow, and her team the best success in her endeavours in reaching new heights in 1999.

Ricky Lee
UNSA Executive President 1996-1998

**United Nations Association of Australia
South Australian Division Inc.**

Year Ended 31 March 1998

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**United Nations Association of Australia
South Australian Division Inc.**

Income and Expenditure Statement

Year Ended 31 March 1998

INCOME	1998	1,997
	\$	\$
Subscriptions	1975	2,505
Donations	416	177
Fundraising (nett)	314	--
Publications -- Sales *	314	251
State Government Grant	3500	--
Bank Interest	1333	1,787
Normal Percy Cole Foundation Grant**	0	8,000
UNICEF	35	60
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	7887	12,780
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* Purchases of Publications are shown as an expense, considering that the income from Sales do not relate directly to the purchases in any given year.

** NPC Grant covering two years.

**United Nations Association of Australia
South Australian Division Inc.**

Income and Expenditure Statement

Year Ended 31 March 1998

EXPENDITURE	1998 \$	1997 \$
Publications -- Purchases	\$314	540
Equipment	--	--
Rent	\$4,157	4,642
Printing and Stationery	\$950	580
Newspaper: "UNITY"	--	300
Insurance	\$243	520
Newsletters	--	571
Office Expenses	\$2,143	665
Office Move	\$1,411	--
Telephone	\$564	465
Functions (nett)	\$229	521
NICEF	\$140	114
Audit Fees: KPMG Peat Marwick	\$300	300
Membership/Donations by UNAA	--	300
Conferences (nett)	\$55	--
Education *	--	2,000
Children's Week Committees *	\$2,000	2,439
UNYA *	\$1,900	
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	\$14,406	13,957

from the Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Income	7,887	12,780
Less Expenditure	(14,406)	<hr/> 13,957
	(6,519)	(\$1,177)
Unallocated Accumulated Funds at 1 April 1997	37,814	<hr/> 38,991
UNALLOCATED FUNDS 31 MARCH 1998	<hr/> 31,295	<hr/> 37,814

**United Nations Association of Australia
South Australian Division Inc.**

Year Ended 31 March 1998

BALANCE SHEET

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Represented by:		
ASSETS		
Bank SA - General Account	397	196
Adelaide Bank Savings and Investment Account	24000	24000
Bank SA - Investment Account	67	46
Bank SA - Investment Account (Norman Percy Cole Foundation Grant)	500	4000
Adelaide Bank Term Investment Account	6542	9743
Cash on Hand (Petty Cash)	14	70
Cash on Hand (float)	15	
Accounts Receivable	60 *	60
TOTAL ASSETS	31595	38114
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	300 *	300
	300	0
NET ASSETS	31295	37814

* being the audit fee of \$300 net of donation \$60

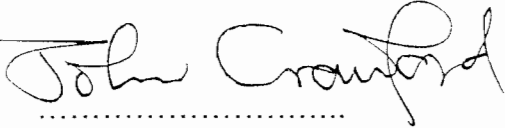
**United Nations Association of Australia
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Year Ended 31 March 1998

NOTE ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of Accounting

The Income and Expenditure concept has been applied with the exception that no account has been taken of members subscription in advance or in arrears. The Balance Sheet reflects the liquid position of the Association less creditors at that date.



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JOHN CRAWFORD
Honorary Treasurer

18 May 1998
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Date



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INC.**

Scope

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Inc. ("the Association") for the year ended 31 March 1998, consisting of the profit and loss statement, balance sheet, accompanying notes, and the statement by committee members set out on pages 2 to 6. The Association's committee members are responsible for the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Inc. are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association at 31 March 1998 and the results of the Association for the financial period ended on that date;
- (b) in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act; and
- (c) in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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Chartered Accountants

Michael C H Burgess

Partner

Adelaide

6 June 1998

**THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INC.**

STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

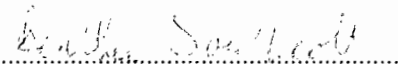
In the opinion of the Committee of the United Nations Association of Australia South Australian Division Inc.:-

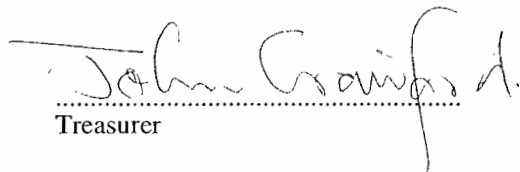
- (a) the financial statements as set out on pages 2 to 5 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results for the financial year ended 31 March 1998 and the state of affairs at 31 March 1998 of the Association;
- (b) as at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- (c) the financial statements have been made out in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Since the end of the previous financial year no committee person of the Association, or a firm of which the committee person is a member, or a corporation in which the committee person has a substantial financial interest has received or become entitled to receive a benefit either directly or indirectly, from the Association as a result of a contract between the committee person, firm or corporation and the Association, except as disclosed in the financial statement.

Dated at Adelaide this 23 day of June, 1998.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.


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Chairman


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Treasurer