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SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Third periodic reports submitted by States parties under articles  
16 and 17 of the Covenant

BELGIUM \* \* \* \* \*

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\* The second periodic report submitted by the Government of Belgium concerning rights covered by articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant (E/1990/6/Add.18) was considered by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its 2000 session (see E/C.12/2000/SR.64 to E/C.12/2000/SR.66 and E/C.12/1/Add.54).

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\*\*\*\* Annexes may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

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754. The following new policy measures should be noted:

*(a) Policy-related scientific research*

755. The Flemish Government ascribes considerable importance to policy-related scientific research. With regard to culture, the Government has been funding, since 2001, "Recreational Flanders" (*Re-Creatief Vlaanderen*) an interuniversity support centre, mainly conducting a culture participation survey expected to provide new and detailed insight.

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780. Through university and scientific centre programmes, Belgium supports the promotion of international exchange and partnerships, including the development of clearing houses" (for instance, in the biodiversity sector) and databases (for instance, regarding banana growing in cooperation with the International Institute for Improvement of Banana and Plantain (INIBAP)).