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SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

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

Addendum
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
Overseas Territories* **

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* The second periodic reports concerning rights covered by articles 10 to 12 (E/1986/4/Add.27 and 28) and by articles 13 to 15 (E/1990/7/Add.16) submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were considered by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural at its eleventh (1994) session (see E/C.12/1994/SR.33, 34, 36 and 27).

The annexes referred to in the present report are available for consultation in the Committee's secretariat.

** The information submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in accordance with the guidelines concerning the initial part of reports of States parties is contained in the core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.62).

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ANNEX F - MONTSERRAT

Article 15

221. The pressures and demands of the situation created by the volcanic eruptions have not caused the Montserrat Government to lose sight of the importance of promoting the cultural life of the island. Montserrat has for some time had a cultural unit which was established to foster awareness, and the development, of all forms of art. This formerly functioned under the supervision of the Ministry of Education but now comes under the portfolio of the Chief Minister. Plans for the construction of a cultural centre are well advanced. Under a new law that has been drafted, provision will be made to establish an Arts Council which, as well as receiving a subsidy from the Montserrat Government, will be empowered to obtain funding from private sources. It remains the policy of the Montserrat Government, within the constraints of the present situation, to encourage all persons to play an active role in the development and preservation of culture. In this context, and especially in the scientific field, the introduction of access to Internet services and the removal of duties on the import of personal computers and accessories are measures which assist in ensuring that the inhabitants of Montserrat can keep up with the latest developments.