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Soweto Anniversary Commemoration of 1988

To Commemorate the Anniversary of Soweto Day, June 16, 1976 when hundreds of young people were shot in the streets of South Africa, we are issuing a Call on International Human Rights Day for International Support Action for the weekend of June 16-June 19 (Thursday-Sunday), 1988.

We believe that concerted international action can make a significant impact on the oppressive Apartheid Regime when there is a combination of external and internal pressures.

Action by community organizations, churches, students, workers, and all other interested persons could vary wildly and should be determined locally, but rallies, demonstrations, pressures on State and Congressional Representatives and sympathy strikes and stayaways could all be effective. Also, in lieu of strikes, workers could offer solidarity through the donation of a day's pay.

We propose that the proceeds of outreach activities be donated as humanitarian aid to the liberation movement in South Africa. Each event could select a facet of aid it would be interested in pursuing (students' rights for equal education, legal aid, health care, detainees' rights, etc.).

We hope that many organizations will join us in this Call. We hope particularly that the United Nations, the National Councils of Churches, Trade Unions, and Anti-Apartheid Organizations will become involved and will begin to plan action. We hope especially to work with other organizations in the field such as the American Committee On Africa, the Movement for a Free South Africa, TransAfrica, and the Washington Office on Africa.

We welcome comments and suggestions and hope to join forces with you for the Soweto Anniversary Commemoration of 1988. We look forward to receiving news of events being planned. Please feel free to request further information.

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