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A CALL TO ACTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela, speaking to the Congress of the United States on June 26th, stated that **"sanctions should remain in place because the purpose for which they were imposed has not yet been achieved."** Despite the unbanning of the African National Congress and other organizations, as well as the release of some political prisoners, the anti-apartheid coalition of ANC, UDF, COSATU, SACC, etc., still needs our help. The apartheid system is still in place, the anti-apartheid coalition is still under attack, and the majority of the people are still prohibited - on the basis of their race - from voting.

You and other Americans gave Mandela a rousing welcome! You can express your support for the anti-apartheid struggle by encouraging the U.S. government to maintain economic and political sanctions against the apartheid regime. Since there are discussions going on in Washington with regard to lifting sanctions, it is important that citizens contact our representatives in Congress to keep sanctions in place. To assist the people of South Africa in the change from the apartheid system to a democratic government, **we must apply sanctions, as Mandela said, "until South Africa is set on an irreversible course leading to its transformation into a united, democratic, and non-racial society."**

For 15 years the U.S. has seen the former Portuguese colony of Angola only in terms of East-West conflict, and not as a country and a people battered by colonialism, deserving a chance to develop on its own terms as a sovereign African state. The U.S. has sided with the apartheid regime in funding UNITA under the leadership of former Portuguese collaborator Jonas Savimbi, whose bush war has killed thousands and has made Angola the nation with the highest amputee rate in the world. Savimbi visits Washington this month to ask for an increase in military assistance. It is time for the carnage to stop. It is time for the U.S. to stop imposing East-West divisions on the Angolan people and allow the land and resources to serve first the people of Angola.

Therefore, we ask your help in contacting your Congresspersons re:

SANCTIONS AGAINST APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

- *** As a minimum, we call for the **continuing full implementation of sanctions** as stated in the 1986 Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act.
- *** In addition, we call for **strengthening sanctions** by the closing of existing loopholes in the current legislation, mandating disinvestment by all U.S. corporations, and prohibiting bank loans, (as proposed in HR 21, HR 5490, and HR 3458).

RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA and STOPPING ALL FUNDING OF UNITA

- *** We call for early **diplomatic recognition** of the government of Angola and normalization of relationships (HCR 203).
- *** We call for **cessation of funding, overt and covert, to UNITA.**
- *** We call for **full floor debate** of the above, in House and Senate.

PLEASE CALL OR WRITE YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE — NOW! Write Senator _____, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510 and Congressperson _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515. Call either the local office (see directory) or the Washington office through 202/224-3121. Further, send a copy to Chairperson Anthony Beilenson, House Intelligence Committee. **Keep the pressure on apartheid!** For more information, call 213/204-5904.