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PEACE EDUCATION CENTER  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION  
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WHEREAS: It is illegal under South African law for black South Africans who comprise 85% of the population of South Africa to;

1. Buy land,
2. Vote,
3. Travel without pass books,
4. Organize politically,
5. Be unemployed,
6. Take effective action through labor unions; and

WHEREAS: It is illegal for American corporations in South Africa to advocate these rights, the Sullivan principles, even where they are applied, do not answer to these rights, black South African leaders have asked that American corporations leave because the American corporate presence aids in the perpetuation of this oppressive apartheid regime; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations Centre Against Apartheid has cited the white government of South Africa for its consistent and flagrant violation of world standards of human and political rights for the majority of its citizen; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations General Assembly Resolution of Nov. 9, 1976, "Calls upon all governments to take effective action to prohibit all loans to, or investments in, South Africa by banks and corporations within their national jurisdiction"; and

WHEREAS: The United States Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee on Africa 1978, report states, "The major conclusion is that American corporate interests have strengthened the economic and military status quo in South Africa"; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations Centre Against Apartheid 1977, report states, "Foreign investment in South Africa bears an ascribable responsibility for apartheid. Their roles are to be identified directly with a major corner stone of racial containment"; and

WHEREAS: The involvement of United States corporations in South Africa contradicts United States domestic and foreign policies and pose a danger of United States involvement to protect economic interests if fighting should occur; and

WHEREAS: The Michigan Legislature through House Concurrent Resolution No. 462, February 6, 1978, has already urged, "the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to impose immediate sanctions against the South African Government in response to that country's disregard for human rights and dignity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED THAT: The East Lansing Peace Education Center Policy Committee, representing a membership of 500 members in the Greater Lansing area, strongly supports and requests adoption of Representative Perry Bullard's House Bills, 4831, 4838, 5446, which prevent the investment of State of Michigan funds in South Africa.

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