

# TIAA-CREF DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

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In a September 13, 1986, letter to TIAA-CREF, we stated the following:

We are encouraged by TIAA-CREF's new policy statement calling on U.S. corporations to leave South Africa. However, current conditions in that country require a clean break from U.S. corporations which continue to operate there.

One reason is stated in TIAA-CREF's own policy revision: "South African law requires that U.S. corporations ... supply the government with their products, under penalty of fines and imprisonment, if the South African government declares that such items are needed for that country's security." As the crisis worsens in southern Africa, U.S. corporations remaining in South Africa cannot credibly maintain that they are "adopting and implementing socially responsible policies in conducting their affairs," whatever might be their best intentions.

A further reason is that TIAA-CREF itself expects increasing financial risk to investments in firms which remain in South Africa. The implications of TIAA-CREF's revised statement are clear: "a growing world outrage may be translated into additional sanctions against South Africa and boycotts against U.S. corporations doing business there. In this environment, the financial risks of portfolio corporations remaining in South Africa will increasingly outweigh the potential rewards."

TIAA-CREF must not only ask corporations to withdraw from South Africa but must take action against those corporations which remain in South Africa.

**WE RENEW OUR CALL ON TIAA-CREF TO IMMEDIATELY COMMIT TO DIVEST FROM U.S. CORPORATIONS THAT CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS WITHIN THREE YEARS.**