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NATIONAL BLACK COALITION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

Solidarity is not an act of charity;  
but mutual aid between forces  
fighting for the same objective.»

Samora Machel
ORIGIN of the NBCSA

On February 6-8, 1976 at Howard University, the "National Meeting on U.S. Involvement in Angola" was called to assemble black organizations and concerned individuals for the purpose of examining the issues and coordinating local activities into a national thrust against U.S. involvement in Angola. Approximately 100 persons attended the meeting with large representation from the East Coast and South and smaller representation from the Midwest and West Coast. A mandate was given for the establishment of the National Black Coalition on Southern Africa (NBCSA), to provide a forum for continued discussion of the process of liberation in Southern Africa; develop an analysis of each situation and the liberation movements; and coordinate a network of communication and action.

In a year's time, the NBCSA has moved slowly striving to build a firm foundation for long-range activity rather than seek temporary solutions to complex yet compelling questions. Our name reflects our goal - to be national in scope with an administrative structure to carry out our political objectives.

ANALYSIS of OUR ROLE:

- African-americans have the responsibility to provide material and political support to the just struggles of the people of Southern Africa.
- The struggles of the African masses in Southern Africa and African-americans are interrelated.
- African-american involvement in the struggle to contain U.S. interference in Southern Africa only strengthens the need for us to work to radically transform the institutions of this society to redistribute wealth and equalize access to health care, housing and education.

- The success of both local and national activities on Southern Africa and our domestic crisis are interlocked. Local activities have national impact only when viewed as expressions of a national effort and national efforts are successful only when visible locally.
- We support the building of socialist societies in which the natural resources are developed using the wealth to equalize health care, education, and housing needs of rural and urban dwellers in Southern Africa.
- We support armed struggle as the means to develop alternative economic, political and social institutions to create new social orders in Southern Africa.
- We must be vigilant in support of Angola and Mozambique who are under attack by the U.S. and South Africa with the complicity of the Western bloc and their African allies, for they are the geographical bases of the liberation forces of Namibia and Zimbabwe.
- African-americans are responsible for actions against American business, trade and investments, military aid, and diplomatic ties which support the illegal racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia.

PROJECTED WORK GOALS

1. To research, analyse and disseminate information on Southern African issues.
2. To disseminate information on activities of local organizations on Southern Africa and related domestic issues.
3. To host forums for the sharing of information on Southern Africa and the development of action plans.
4. To function as an administrative office to build our local organizations as well as concerned individuals into a national network.
5. To expose and act in opposition to the roles of the U.S. government and multinational corporations in Southern Africa.
6. To publish educational materials tailored to the needs of the Black community which local organizations can utilize.
7. To communicate our message through press conferences, magazine articles, radio programs and speakers.
8. To organize national campaigns of political and material support for the liberation struggles in Southern Africa.

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