EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAYOR RAYMOND L. FLYNN
PROHIBITING CITY OF BOSTON DEPARTMENTS
FROM PURCHASING SHELL OIL PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, Royal Dutch/Shell, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Shell Oil Company (hereinafter Shell), profits from the South African apartheid system by supplying the South African government, military, and police with oil; and

WHEREAS, apartheid is the political and social means used in South Africa to oppress the black majority, and Shell literally helps to fuel that system; and

WHEREAS, Shell has refused to divest its South African holdings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Boston, as a free market participant, may govern its own economic conduct by choosing whether or not to do business with any particular entity; and

WHEREAS, doing business with an entity which supports and profits from the South African apartheid system through such direct and critical economic involvement is morally repugnant and would undermine respect and support for City of Boston policies and agencies designed to enhance cooperation and respect between peoples of different races; and

WHEREAS, any measure less restrictive than a full boycott of Shell would fail to protect and promote the legitimate local interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council through the leadership of Councillors Travaglini, Bolling, Iannella, Salerno, Scondras, Yancey, Menino, McCormack, McLaughlin, and Hennigan Casey has expressed its majority view that the City of Boston should boycott Shell products; now,
THEREFORE, I do hereby ORDER that the following shall take effect on January 1, 1989:

That all City departments and agencies are hereby prohibited from purchasing Shell products until such time as Shell Oil Company and Royal Dutch/Shell divest themselves of their South African holdings and leave South Africa or until the South African government shall conclusively end its system of apartheid, whichever shall first occur.

Dec. 13, 1988

Raymond L. Flynn
Mayor of Boston