Tripoli Declaration on Namibia

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TRIPOLI DECLARATION ON NAMIBIA

We, the Heads of State and Government and delegation of 31 African countries assembled in Tripoli, Libya, from 23 to 26 November, 1982, to participate in the 19th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government,

Recalling all previous resolutions of the OAU and the United Nations and all African declarations and communiques, in particular the final communique adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Frontline States and the President of SWAPO in Lusaka on 4 September 1982,

Empathically reiterating that the continuing illegal and colonial occupation of Namibia by South Africa in defiance of repeated resolutions adopted by the Organization of African Unity, by the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries and by the United Nations constitutes an act of aggression against the Namibian people and a challenge to Africa and to the authority of the United Nations which has direct responsibility for Namibia until its independence,

Reaffirming their full support for the armed struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), their sole and authentic representative, to achieve self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia,

Expressing their full indignation at South African racist regime's intransigence in its refusal to comply with resolutions repeatedly adopted by the United Nations, in particular, Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978), and at its dilatory tactics aimed at perpetuating its brutal domination and exploitation of the Namibian people,
Extremely concerned at the hegemonic attempts by the United States and the South African racist regime to link the negotiations for the independence of Namibia to extraneous issues such as the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola,

Strongly condemning the South African racist regime's continuing acts of aggression and sabotage against independent African States in Southern Africa, in particular the occupation of parts of Angola's territory, the support of armed bandits and mercenaries in these countries, and the sabotage of the infrastructure in the Frontline States,

Noting that preparations are under way by the United Nations in co-operation with the OAU and in consultation with SWAPO for the convening at UNESCO House, Paris, of an International Conference in Support of the Struggle of the Namibian People for Independence, from 25 to 29 April, 1983:

1. REAFFIRM the inalienable right of the people of Namibia to self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the OAU;

2. STRONGLY CONDEMN the South African regime for its continued illegal occupation of Namibia and oppression of the Namibian people;

3. REAFFIRM their full support for the armed struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO, the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people, to achieve self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia including Walvis Bay and offshore islands which should be fully secure in the exercise of its sovereignty;
4. REITERATE that in accordance with resolution 2145 (XXI) of the United Nations General Assembly, Namibia is the direct responsibility of the United Nations until genuine self-determination and national independence are achieved in the territory, and, for that purpose, strongly support the mandate given to the United Nations Council for Namibia under resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and subsequent resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence;

5. SOLEMNLY REAFFIRM that United Nations Security Council resolution 435 (1978), endorsing the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, remains the only basis for a peaceful settlement of the Namibian question and call for its immediate implementation without modification or qualification;

6. DECLARE that the genuine independence of Namibia can be achieved only with the direct and full participation of SWAPO in all efforts to implement the United Nations Plan for the independence of Namibia and reaffirm that the only parties to the conflict in Namibia are: South Africa as the illegal occupation power on the one hand, and the Namibian people, under the leadership of SWAPO, on the other;

7. EXPRESS APPRECIATION to the Frontline States and SWAPO for their constructive and statesmanlike attitude throughout the consultations to implement UN Security Council resolution 435 (1978);
8. ENDORSE the final communiqué adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Frontline States and the President of SWAPO in Lusaka, Zambia, on 4 September 1982;

9. CONDEMN the United States of America and the South African racist regime for their attempts to establish any linkage or parallelism between the independence of Namibia and the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola, that being a contravention of Article 2, paragraph 7 of the UN Charter and a contradiction of UN Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) in both letter and spirit;

10. FIRMLY REJECT all attempts to establish any linkage or parallelism between the independence of Namibia and any extraneous issues, in particular the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola and emphasize unequivocally that the persistence of such attempts would only retard the decolonization process of Namibia as well as constitute not only hegemonic manipulation of the situation in and around Namibia, in order to prolong the illegal occupation of Namibia and the oppression of Namibians, but also a blatant interference in the internal affairs of Angola;

11. CALL UPON the United Nations Security Council to reassume its responsibilities under all relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter with a view to the implementation of the United Nations Plan for the independence of Namibia without further delay;

12. STRONGLY CONDEMN the South African racist regime's continuing acts of military aggression, and economic sabotage against independent African States and demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal
of South African forces which continue to
occupy a part of Angola's territory and that
an end should be put to the support of armed
bandits and mercenaries in several countries;

13. DENOUNCE all fraudulent constitutional and
political schemes through which the illegal
regime of racist South Africa may attempt to
perpetuate its colonial domination in Namibia
and, in particular, urge all States to ensure
non-recognition of any administration or entity
installed in Namibia by the South African illegal
regime in contravention of UN resolutions on
Namibia and in particular Security Council
resolutions 435 (1978) and 439 (1978);

14. RENEW our pledge to render increased material,
financial, military, political, humanitarian,
diplomatic and moral assistance to SWAPO for the
intensification of the struggle to secure the total
liberation of Namibia;

15. FULLY SUPPORT the preparations which are being
undertaken at present by the United Nations,
in cooperation with the OAU and in consultation
with SWAPO, for the convening at UNESCO House,
Paris, of an International Conference in Support
of the Struggle of the Namibian People for
Independence, from 25 to 29 April, 1983.