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on

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Corporations in Namibia

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Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Participants, Comrades and Friends:

On behalf of SWAPO and its delegation to the International Seminar on the Role of Transnational Corporations in Namibia, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the American Committee on Africa for having arranged this timely and important seminar, which is indeed a tremendous success.

We thank the Council for Namibia for assisting in financing the seminar as well as for its active participation in the work thereof.

Sean MacBride deserves great tribute for his distinguished role in presiding over the seminar, and more so particularly in his personal involvement in guiding the drafting of the Final Declaration.

Last but not least we are thankful to all the participants for their positive response to the invitation and most importantly for making available to this seminar valuable information which no doubt will be reflected in the final documents of the seminar, and will go a long way in furthering the ongoing support for the struggle of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO.

Bringing together old and known active supporters of the liberation struggle in Namibia as this seminar has done is indeed essential for the purpose of sharing information and devising new methods and strategies of intensifying the support work, but I would like to stress here that the most important part is the actual implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the seminar. We are delighted to know that all participants have expressed the will to do so with vigor and hope this will be done as soon as practicable in the same vein. We fully endorse the Final Declaration as amended.

For us in SWAPO as long as our country continues to be under illegal occupation by the racist Pretoria regime, as long as our people continue to be oppressed and exploited by the racist regime in collaboration with its imperialist allies, so long will we resolve to the intensification of our struggle for National Liberation, particularly armed struggle, to its logical conclusion.

We count on your solidarity and support that you have for years extended to us and we are confident you will continue to do so.

The Struggle Continues!

Victory is Certain!