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In Occation of the 50th Anniversary of the Norwegian People's Aid, We Present the Conference:

THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA - CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REGION

Namibia is the last colony in Africa. Elections are scheduled for the 8th to the 10th of November 1989. The United Nations has tried to cease the South African occupation since 1966 without success. The international conference on Namibia arranged by the Norwegian People's Aid will take place a few days after the annoncement of the result of the elections. The conference will focus on the actual situation in Namibia and Southern Africa.

Topics to be discussed:

What could be the role of the Norwegian and international labour movement and humanitarian organizations in the liberation process of Southern Africa? The independence of Namibia, consequences for the region? What can be done to contribute positively in the peace process of the region, politically as well as through development aid?

The aims of the conference is to:

- Increase the interest of the labour movement and the humanitarian organizations in favor of the liberation process in Southern Africa.
- Give the 13 guests from the Southern Africa an opportunity to present their wishes for the future relations with the rest of the world.

You are all very welcome

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Jan Erik Linstad (head of int.dept.)

TUESDAY THE 21ST OF NOVEMBER

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 Press conference
- 11.30 Opening speech by the leader of the Norwegian People's Aid, Liv Buck
- 11.35 Introduction speech by the leader of the Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions, LO by Yngve Håkensen
- 11.45 "The results of the elections and the inauguration of the first elected national assembly of Namibia" by Mr. Andimba Toivo ja Toivo, the Secretary General of SWAPO
- 12.10 "What could be the role of Norway towards Namibia" by Foreign Minister, Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik
 - 12.30 Lunch
 - 13.20 "The role of the United Nations in Namibia's transition to independence" by Mr. Martti Athisaari, the UN special advisor
 - 13.40 "The trade union's analysis of the elections and the consequenses" by Mr. Ben Ulenga the Secretary General of National Union of Nambian Workers, Mineworkers Union of Namibia
 - 14.00 Questions
 - 14.15 Music by Peter Mathabatha Sexwale
 - 14.30 WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS See the charts at page 6 and 7.

Workshop 1:

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The Mining Sector in Namibia.

The mining sector (diamonds, uranium & copper) represent 85 percent of the Namibian export. Will the new national assembly have any impact on the distribution of the profits and the workers rights in the mines? ROOM B, Simultaneous Interpretation