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Dear Comrades,

Please find enclosed a letter of invitation from NPA which speaks for itself.

There is not much time, so it is important that you send name of participant as soon as possible.

In the Year of Mass Action for People's Power!

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Thandi Rankoe

Chief Representative

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Oslo, the 12.th of July 1989

to The African National Congress, ANC

c/o Tandi Rankoe

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA

We have the great honor of addressing this invitation to Your Organization for participating at the Namibian Conference in 0510 the 21st and 22nd of November. The occasion is the celebration of the 50.th anniversary of the Norwegian People's Aid. We invite a representative from ANC because of the important role You are playing in the liberation process of the Southern Africa and of Namibia. We would also like to share Your experiences and advices concerning the role of the labour movement and the humanitarian organizations.

We consider that the conference will have great importance when the Norwegian Labor Movement and the West European humanitarian organizations establish their policies towards Namibia and the region. We have already invited the President and the Secretary General of SWAPO, as well as the Secretary General Ben Ulunga of the National Union of Namibian Workers. the President of the Socialist International Willy Brandt and the Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg are invited.

Please confirm that You have received this invitation. When the financing of the conference is approved by the Ministry of Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we will confirm this invitation.

For further information turn to the attached page.

With kind Regards,

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The Norwegian People's Aid is planning to arrange an international conference about Namibia. The occasion is the 50th anniversary of the Norwegian People's Aid.

TIME AND PLACE:

The conference will be held at "Folkets Hus", 0310, on the 21st. and 22nd. November 1989.

THE SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE:

Namibia's independence - consequences for the Southern-African region.

1. What could be the role of the Norwegian and the international Labour movement in the liberation process in Southern Africa?

2. The role of the humanitarian organizations in this process and their role towards the new government in a free Namibia.

INVITEES:

We are inviting the following organizations:

Namibia: SWAPO, Council of Churches of Namibia CCN, National Union of Namibian Workers

South Africa: South African Council of Churches. the Congress of South African Trade Unions, COSATU and the African National Congress.

Mozambique: a representative from the Government.

Angola: a representative from the Government.

We will further invite representatives from the Socialist International, from the European Trade Unions and from the non-government humanitarian organizations.

WHO IS THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE'S AID?

NPA was established by the Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions in 1939. NPA is one of Norway's largest voluntary humanitarian aid organisations, working both in our own country and abroad.

We are involved in more than 150 projects in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

We try to provide help quickly to countries that have gained their Freedom and independence after long wars against dictators and colonial powers. In countries which have not yet been liberated, we cooperate with those who represent the future, i.e. local popular organizations and liberation movements.

The NPA is working very closely with the liberation movement of Namibia, SWAPO. NPA is the Norwegian aid organization which gives most support to the South African liberation movement, the ANC.

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NORWEGIAN PEOPLE'S AID - 50 YEARS - 1939 TO 1989

Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) was established by the Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions in 1939, as a direct consequence of the threatening progress in Europe and the shock when the Fascists won the Spanish Civil War. The Norwegian Labour Movement intended to strengthen democratic ideals and humanitarian attitudes in the Norwegian people, and formed NPA as a broadly based health and aid organization able to provide assistance during international and domestic crises. NPA has remained one of Norway's largest voluntary humanitarian aid organizations, working both in our own country and abroad.

NPA has gone through a long process since 1939. Our international humanitarian work was started because of the crisis in Europe. But the original objective; "to intervene in crises afflicting our own or other countries", is no less important than before. The aid organizations are meeting new and greater challenges - they must be able to work in large parts of the world, under varying political, geographical and cultural conditions.

With 50 years of experience from international relief work, NPA has established a basis for conducting all kind of work - not only emergency relief work, but also long-term assistance to development projects in countries facing even more difficult tasks in rehabilitation and development than did Europe in 1945. Today we are involved in more than 150 projects in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Our total budget for 1989 is of NOK 125 million. approximately USD 18 million.

NPA works to further people's integrity, promote social equality and assist people living under difficult conditions. We have traditions committing us to the support of those who are fighting for human rights, those who are fleeing from violent societies and those who are striving to improve their everyday life.

Our projects are implemented by local organizations. In this way we indirectly support the development of organization and democracy. Aid does not become a series of isolated measures but an integrated and superordinate strategy to further local and national development. We do not impose "good solutions" on people: the initiatives to projects originate in the local organizations that we cooperate with.

The decisive factor in the choice of cooperating partner is whether or not the organization has the confidence of the local community.

Conditions vary from place to place, and NPA cooperates with labour organizations, cooperative movements, women's organizations and local churches. We also cooperate with liberation movements involved in humanitarian aid as part of the fight against oppression and for human rights.

We try to provide help quickly to countries that have gained their freedom and independence after long wars against dictators and colonial powers, and where interference from other and more powerful Countries hinders development. In countries which have not yet been liberated, we cooperate with those who represent the Future, i.e. local popular organizations and liberation movements.

NPA is the Norwegian aid organization which gives most support to the South African liberation movement, the African National Congress (ANC). We also cooperate closely with the liberation movement of Namibia, the South West African People's Organization (swApo).