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MEETINGS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN AUSTRIA BETWEEN THE APARTHEID FOREIGN MINISTER, PIK BOTHA, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS. THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO CONSORT WITH THE PRETORIA REGIME. WASHINGTON AND LONDON HAVE CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT TO PROTECT THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS FROM EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION. THEIR FAILURE TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE LATEST SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THEIR CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THIS LINE OF ACTION.

THE INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION IS THAT THE AUSTRIAN ROUND OF MEETINGS IS DESIGNED TO FIND NEW WAYS OF SUPPRESSING THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OF OUR COUNTRY AND BLUNTING THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE ISOLATION OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA. THE MERE FACT OF THE MEETINGS WILL GIVE CONFORT TO THE INCREASINGLY BELEAGUED APARTHEID REGIME.

THE PLANNED VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA OF A DELEGATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL ONLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF LENDING LEGITIMACY TO A MURDEROUS REGIME WHICH HAS BEEN REJECTED BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

WE CALL ON THE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO COMPEL THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CEASE ALL CONTACT WITH THE PRETORIA REGIME, INCLUDING ITS SALARIED EMPLOYEES SUCH AS CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI AND OTHER BANTUSTAN LEADERS. THESE GOVERNMENTS MUST BE FORCED TO BOW TO THE WILL AND DEMAND OF THEIR PEOPLE AND THE REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS AGAINST APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA NOW.

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