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MEETING OF THE CONTINUATION COMMITTEE OF THE
WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST APARTHEID, RACISM AND
COLONIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (LISBON 1977)

Communique

The Continuation Committee of the World Conference against Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in Southern Africa met in the French Senate on December 13th and 14th.

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to M. Alain Poher, President of the French Senate, for the facilities made available for the running of the meeting. The Committee also wishes to express its appreciation for the resolution of support moved in the French Senate for International Anti-Apartheid Year proclaimed by the United Nations.

In total the Conference was attended by 71 foreign delegates from 29 countries and by representatives from 12 National French organisations. The meeting was opened by M. Phillippe Machefer from the socialist group of Senators and closed by Serge Boucheny from the communist group of Senators. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Vassos Lyssarides, President Socialist Party of Cyprus, Secretary General of the Continuation Committee and the report of the work and future activities of the Committee given by Dr. Silas Cerqueira, Executive Secretary to the Committee.

The meeting was greatly assisted in its discussion by the participation of the three liberation movements of Southern Africa:

South West African Peoples Organisation, Head of delegation
Mr. H. Kaluenja, Organising Secretary of SWAPO. ✓

The Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe, Head of delegation
Mr. S. Nkomo, Secretary of ZAPU for Manpower ✓

African National Congress (South Africa), Head of delegation
Mr. A. Nzo, Secretary General ANC (SA)

In its understanding of the present crucial situation in Southern Africa the meeting was greatly assisted also by the reports from the Front Line States: ✓

H.E. Mr. A. Panguene - Central Committee of FRELIMO ✓
Mr. P. Msekwa - National Executive Secretary of Chama Cha Mapinduzi, of Tanzania ✓
H.E. Mr. J.F. Martino - MPLA, Angolan Ambassador in Belgrade ✓
H.E. Mr. I.R.R. Manda - UNIP, Zambian Ambassador in France. ✓

The meeting was also honoured by the presence of H.E. Mr. K. Damantang, President of the Legislative Assembly and member of the Political Bureau of the Democratic Party of Guinea.

The meeting was attended by 20 National Anti-Apartheid and Solidarity Movements and addressed by the following International Organisations:

United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid
UNESCO
Afro Asian Peoples Organisation
World Peace Council
World Federation of Trade Unions
International Defense and Aid Fund
Christian Conference for Peace
Pan African Youth Movement
International University Exchange Fund
Womens International Democratic Federation
OSPAAL

The meeting received numerous messages of support from all over the world, amongst which were messages from: President Samora Machel, President Alhaje Sir Dawda Jawara, President Leopold Sedar Senghor, President Aristides Pereira and President Luis Cabral.

The meeting characterized the present situation in Southern Africa as very grave, requiring immediate action by the World Community to Safeguard against the International escalation of the War and to secure financial, material and political support for the liberation movements.

The meeting examined future activity and campaigns of the Continuation Committee, the broadening of its membership and its Presidium, and future meetings of the Committee.

The Continuation Committee thanks the French organisations, and especially AFASPA (French Association for Friendship and Solidarity with the African People) who assisted in organising the present meeting.

The Continuation Committee adopted a new name

International
Committee against Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in
Southern
Africa

DRAFT APPEAL

The participants in the Second Meeting of the Continuation Committee of the World Conference against Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in Southern Africa reaffirmed their support for the Programme of Action of the Lisbon Conference and the decisions of the Inaugural Meeting of the Continuation Committee which took place in London from 21-23 March 1978.

The Meeting took place at a time of decisive developments in the confrontation between the oppressed peoples of Southern Africa led by the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe, SWAPO in Namibia, and the African National Congress in South Africa on the one hand and the racists regimes and their allies.

In South Africa the apartheid regime has intensified its repression against all forms of opposition and is frantically preparing for even greater militarization of the country as a whole. At the same time it has accelerated the Bantustan policy and embarked on new attempts to incorporate certain sectors of the Black population into the apartheid system.

The South African people, led by the African National Congress are intensifying both mass struggle and armed confrontation which are now reaching new levels.

In Namibia the illegal occupying forces of racist South Africa have defied once more the United Nations Security Council by persisting with "fraudulent elections" designed to impose a pseudo-independence with a puppet government promoting South Africa's own Bantustan Policy for Namibia. Massive intimidation, brutal torture, the detention of SWAPO leaders, none of these acts, has weakened the will of the Namibian people to intensify the liberation struggle.

In Zimbabwe the so-called "internal settlement" has been totally exposed as a manoeuvre by the racist regime to co-opt certain personalities into the structures of white supremacy and so a new Anglo-American initiative has been launched allegedly with the aim of convening "All-Party Talks" but in fact designed to undermine the liberation struggle led by the Patriotic Front. In its desperation the Smith regime has declared most of the country under martial law; it murders innocent civilians and supporters of the Patriotic Front and has embarked on brutal attacks against Zimbabwean refugees and civilians in Botswana, Zambia and Mozambique.

The racist regimes of Pretoria and Salisbury are making intensified preparations for an all out war in Southern Africa. The repeated acts of aggression and threats to the sovereignty of the Front-line States results from the commitment of the Front-line States to the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations and therefore it is even more important that international solidarity be mobilized for the Front-line States.

These developments are further evidence that all the Western initiatives for the so called peaceful change in Southern Africa were from the start in no way designed to bring about freedom for the people of Southern Africa but were in fact aimed at undermining, isolating and destroying the liberation movements and international solidarity with the liberation struggle. A new level of conspiracy is developing between the racist regimes and their western allies in order to set up puppet regimes in Zimbabwe and Namibia: efforts are being made to lift sanctions against the illegal regime; to intensify military and economic collaboration with South Africa including involving various States in Latin America, the Middle East and Asia; and to promote disunity in Africa.

These developments make it ever more urgent that the international solidarity movement intensifies its campaigns to isolate the racist regimes and to increase support and solidarity for the liberation movements and the Front-line States. The participants at the Meeting therefore resolved to appeal to all supporters of the cause of freedom in Southern Africa to:

- 1) Expose through special campaign the new tactics of the racists regimes is imposing new schemes on the people designed to convey an impression of change; the "internal settlement" in Zimbabwe, to denounce and escape the fraudulent elections imposed on the people of Namibia in the interests of imperialism and the Bantustanisation of South Africa;
- 2) to redouble their support, both material and political, to the ANC of South Africa, SWAPO of Namibia and the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe joining efforts in international initiatives, such as a workshop on material aid, a ship of solidarity, and others;
- 3) to intensify their solidarity with the Front-line African States, recognising the great sacrifices they are making in the cause of the liberation of South Africa;
- 4) to campaign to secure the effective implementation of a comprehensive embargo on all military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa;

- 5) to expose the repressive policies of the racist regimes and to campaign to secure the release of all political prisoners and detainees and to stop the execution of captured freedom fighters;
- 6) to campaign to secure the complete isolation of South Africa in the economic, diplomatic, cultural and political fields;
- 7) to utilise to the full the mass media.

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List of Foreign Delegates

Alfred NZO	Secretary-General - ANC (SA)
Raymond MOKOENA	ANC - International Dept.
Stephen J. NKOMO	PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZAPU) Secretary for Manpower
Makoni Tachiona P.	PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZAPU) Secretary for Education
Arthur CHADZINGWA	PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZAPU) Chief Representative for W. Europe
M. NCUBE	PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZAPU)
Homateni KALUENJA	SWAPO: Organising Secretary Member of Executive Committee of SWAPO Central Committee
Shapua KAUKUNGUA	SWAPO - Chief Representative W. Europe
Peter MANNING	SWAPO
Vassos LYSSARIDES	Secretary-General Continuation Committee President Socialist Party of Cyprus
Silas CERQUEIRA	Executive Secretary Continuation Committee; Presidium of Portuguese Council for Peace and Co-operation
Billy NANNAN	ANC (SA) - Secretary to Continuation Committee, London
Bevis MILLER	Administrative Secretary Continuation Committee, London
Armando PANGUENE	Central Committee of FRELIMO; Ambassador of Mozambique in Portugal

Pius NSENKWA	Chief National Executive Secretary of Chama Cha Mapinduzi - Governmental Party of Tanzania
Joao Filipe MARTINS	MPLA - Angolan Ambassador in Belgrade
Edgar PERREIRA	MPLA
Maria Madalena Monteiro COEIHO	MPLA
H.E. Mr. I.R.B. MANDA	Ambassador (in France) of Zambia: UNIP
L.P. CHILINDA	UNIP (First Secretary, in France) Embassy of Zambia
Nouri Abdul Razzak HUSSAIN (Iraq)	Afro Asian Peoples Solidarity Organisation (AAPSO) - Acting General Secretary
Dr. Mahdi AL-HAFEDH (Iraq)	Head AAPSO Office for Europe
Bennani OTHMAN	AAPSO
Aziz SHERIF	Vice President AAPSO and Secretary General National Council Peace and Solidarity of Iraq
A.F. YASIN	Iraq National Council for Peace and Solidarity
R. AJIMA	Iraq National Council for Peace and Solidarity
M. ABDELFATAH	Polisario Front
NGUYEN-PHUC (Viet Nam)	AAPSO
Moosa MOOLLA	AAPSO and ANC (SA)
H.E. Dr. Mohammed WARSAMA	UN Special Committee against Apartheid
Sr. Jose URRUTIA	UN Special Committee against Apartheid

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Solidarity Committee of the GDR

Wilfred GRENVILLE-GREY

International Defence and Aid Fund
for Southern Africa

NGUYEN-KHAI

Councillor of the Socialist Republic
of Viet Nam Embassy in France

Borje MATTSSON

President - Finnish Africa Committee

Maria MICHEJDA

Deputy Secretary General,
Polish Committee of Solidarity with
Asian and African countries

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Vice-president, The Soviet
Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee

Andrey URNOV

The Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity
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Edward SAMOILOV

The Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity
Committee

Eric ERICHSEN

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Co-operation

Peter WAHL

Anti-imperialist Solidarity Committee
Federal Republic of Germany

P. PIERSON-MATHY

Committee against Colonialism and
Apartheid (Belgium)

CHERIF	United Nations Information Centre in Paris (UNIC) - Deputy Director
Amos NGWENYA	World Peace Council
Roger PARMENTIER	Christian Conference for Peace
Jeneral ULIMWENGU	Pan African Youth Movement Asst. Secretary General
M.K. RAMAMURTHI	All India Peace and Solidarity
Lazarov DIMITRAS	Bulgarian Committee of Solidarity against Asian and African People
Abdul. MINTY	British Anti-Apartheid Hon. Secretary
Michael TERRY	British Anti-Apartheid Movement Executive Secretary
Alun ROBERTS	Namibia Support Committee
CONDE	UNESCO
A. de SOUSA CAMPOS	Press Attache, Embassy of Portugal in Paris
Michiel Van de KASTEELLEN	Dutch Radical Party
Sietse BOSGRA	Holland Committee on Southern Africa
Kamara DAMANTANG	Member of Political Bureau President of Legislative Assembly Democratic Party of Guinea
Yousouf DIARE	Democratic Party of Guinea Member of Political Bureau
Hussain KHAN	International University Exchange Fund
Louise ASMAL	Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement
Helmut RUDOLPH	Anti-Apartheid Movement in the FRG

Jose Manual GALVAO TELES

Presidium of the Portuguese
National Committee against Apartheid,
Racism and Colonialism in Southern
Africa

Raimund WAIBEL

Aktion Selbstbesteuerung

Jeanne DAMBENDZET

Women's International DEMOCRATIC
Federation

Benedito Andrez, Maria
Candida PEREIRA

Portuguese National Committee
against Apartheid, Racism and
Colonialism in South Africa

Helene ANTONIADIS

Greek Communist Party

List of French Organisations which Attended

Parti Socialiste

Parti Communiste

CFDT

CGT

AFASPA

MRAP

Mouvement de la Paix

Comite National Independance et Developpement

Mouvement anti-apartheid

CAO

J.O.C., Jeunesse ouvriere chretienne

P.S.U., Parti socialiste unifie

F.E.N.

Messages of support for the meeting were received from:

President Samora Machel	Mozambique
President Aristide Pereira	Cape Verde
President Leopold Sedar Senghor	Senagal
President Alhaji Sir Dawda Jawara	Gambia
President Luis Cabral	Guinea Bissau

Organisation of African Unity
Organisation of African Unity, Liberation Committee
Salim Ahmed Salim, Chairman Special Committee of Twenty-four on
Decolonization
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Council of Churches Committee against Racism
Hungarian Peace Council
Canadians Concerned about Southern Africa
Archbishop Dom Jose Maria Pines of Paraiba Brazil
Dr. Jose Magalhaes Godlimo, Ombudsman of Portugal and Chairman
of World Conference against Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in
Southern Africa
Catholic Workers League
Women's Democratic Movement
Mr. Bob Hughes, Labour M.P., Chairman of British Anti-Apartheid
Ms. Joan Lestor, Labour M.P., Chairman Labour Party International
Committee
Canon John Collins, President of Defence and Aid
Mr. Ulf Sundqvist - Secretary General of Social Democratic Party,
Finland
Belgian Socialist Party
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