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Dear Friends:

Re: Western Canada Anti-Apartheid Network

The work to build a national anti-apartheid network has been partially sabatoged by the reluctance of a few Ontario and Quebec based organizations. They do not think one is needed.

The Western Network has decided to press ahead and has applied to Partnership Africa Canada for funding. The MCOAA - Manitoba Coalition of Organizations Against Apartheid is prepared to operate as the central office. They are very good people.

The Western Network concept is supported both by SACTU and the ANC. The core of the Network will be the anti-apartheid coalitions in the four western provinces.

The Western Network will not only co-ordinate activities in the four Western Provinces but will keep contact with both receptive and less receptive organizations in Central and Atlantic Canada. We will build a defacto national network from a functioning western network.

I believe we should support this initiative in keeping with the CCU Convention decision.

Please send letters of support as soon as possible to:

Mark Laporte, Executive Director Partnership Africa Canada #300 - 1 Nicolas Street Ottawa, Ontario K1N 7B7 FAX: 1 613 230-1129 OV 01 '90 13:31 CAIMAW 604 522-8975

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Please send copies of your letters to myself and I will in turn forward copies to the MCOAA.

Thank you.

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