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The Executive Committee,
ONTARIO FEDERATION OF STUDENTS,
Toronto.

Dear Friends,

Since April of this year the students (high school and university) in South Africa have embarked on a national boycott campaign, not only against the unequal Apartheid education system, but against the criminal system itself. Thousands of students have been jailed and many have even been murdered by the racist regime of South Africa. To date the students are engaged in daily battles against police and the Apartheid authorities. The students are not alone in their just struggle. The oppressed and exploited black workers are daily engaged in strikes against both South African and foreign business operations. Strikes are militant and on most occasions violent. Violent because the state's repressive machinery is deployed against the striking workers. The demands of the black workers are not only for better wages and working conditions, but also encompasses a fight against Apartheid. Church leaders are increasing their attacks against the system, declaring the legalised racist system as one totally in violation of any religious beliefs or teachings.

To sum up the present situation in South Africa, our entire population, students, teachers, parents, workers, religious leaders, intellectuals have formed a mass unified pillar to fight against this brutal and inhuman system which has been described by the United Nations as a CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.

A united people ~~in~~ action must have leadership to enable the struggle to succeed. Today this leadership is being provided by the African Congress, engaged in battle against the white supremacist regime since 1912. Even the racist regime has had to acknowledge the leadership and the strength of the ANC inside the country. In Namibia, a country which is presently being illegally occupied by the racist South African regime, leadership in the struggle is being provided by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

In any just and legitimate struggle the support that the international community can provide is a vital supplement to the sacrificial efforts of our people. It is with this perspective that we appeal to your Federation for the following support:

- 1) An expression of solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa and Namibia led by their respective national liberation movements, the African National Congress and SWAPO.
- 2) A call for the release of Nelson Mandela, Toivo Ja Toivo and all other political prisoners in South Africa and Namibia.
- 3) An expression of total solidarity with the black students of South Africa, and a demand for equal education for all South Africans, black and white.
- 4) An expression of support and solidarity with the oppressed black workers of South Africa and Namibia, and for the non-racial South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU).
- 5) The provision of every possible assistance to the struggle of the people in South Africa and Namibia and their national liberation movements.
- 6) The co-operation of the OFS in working with the already existing anti-Apartheid organizations in Canada, such as the Canada-Wide ~~body~~ organization ~~Canadians~~ Canadians Concerned About Southern Africa (CCSA), and the channelling of ~~Can~~ Assistance through such organizations.