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### ANTI-APARTHEID COMMITTEE 'CONCERNED' AT AUSTRIA'S LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

Following is the text of a statement issued today by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, Ibrahim A. Gambari (Nigeria).

The Special Committee against Apartheid has learned with concern that Austria has just lifted almost all of its economic sanctions against South Africa.

Austria is a party to the United Nations Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, as well as to other subsequent relevant consensus resolutions on apartheid. To lift economic sanctions at this time when sustained pressure is needed to keep the negotiations and the peace process in South Africa on course detracts from the spirit of the Declaration and undermines the efforts of the international community to assist the democratic transformation of South Africa.

The Special Committee calls on Member States, intergovernmental organizations, and other parties concerned to consult among themselves and with the Special Committee against Apartheid so that they may act in a concerted and effective manner in support of the on-going process towards negotiations for the advent of a non-racial and democratic South Africa.

Unilateral and premature lifting of sanctions at this critical juncture in South Africa should be avoided. The genuine representatives of the South African majority have said that much. Members of the international community which have done a great deal within the fold of the United Nations to alleviate the plight of the Black majority and support their legitimate aspirations for freedom, justice and equality of opportunity, owe it to them to heed their reiterated appeals.

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