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APARTHEID COMMITTEE COMMENDS INITIATIVE OF NGO SUB-COMMITTEE IN PREPARATIONS
FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

Following is the text of a press statement issued today by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, B. Akporode Clark (Nigeria):

An International Non-Governmental Organizations Action Conference for Sanctions against South Africa will be held at the ILO Headquarters in Geneva from 30 June to 3 July 1980.

The Conference -- organized by the NGO Sub-Committee on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Apartheid and Decolonization, in co-operation with the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid -- is intended to exchange information and views on campaigns for the isolation of the apartheid regime in South Africa; to plan concerted international action for total sanctions against South Africa, in co-operation with the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and committed governments; and to consider the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the UN-OAU International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa.

The Special Committee attaches great importance to the activities of anti-apartheid movements, solidarity committees, trade unions, religious bodies and other non-governmental organizations in the campaign for sanctions against South Africa and for support to the National Liberation Movement of South Africa. The NGO Conference can play an important role in promoting and co-ordinating these activities in consultation with the National Liberation Movement and in close co-operation with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

On behalf of the Special Committee, I commend the initiative of the NGO Sub-Committee and appeal to all organizations to lend their co-operation in the preparation for this Conference.

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