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Dear Colleague:

On June 16, once again, we will commemorate the peaceful march and police massacre of the children of Soweto, as we protest the vicious apartheid system, which denies dignity and democracy to the black majority of South Africa. Repression there has not abated. Since its most recent state of emergency, Pretoria has detained more than 30,000 people, many without charges or trial, including 12,000 children. During the past 14 months, more than 52 democratic organizations have been banned. The headquarters of the country's largest trade union federation, the one million strong Congress of South African Trade Unions, has been dynamited. Right-wing forces have blown up the offices of the South African Council of Churches, and fire-bombed the headquarters and staff residences of the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference. As resistance grows in South Africa, our efforts too have begun to bear fruit. The labor movement won a tremendous victory with the acquittal of South African labor and community leader, Moses Mayekiso. U.S. religious organizations have launched a nation-wide pro-sanctions campaign "From Pentecost to Soweto." The New York City Council is considering 123:2 1137, which would be the strongest selective contracting bill in the country. Both the House and Senate have introduced national legislation to impose comprehensive and mandatory. This year, in concert with national activities, we will remember Soweto and It will begin with a picket at 3 p.m. in front of the offices of Senator D'Amato (who has not supported the pending sanctions bill), and proceed with a march to a 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. rally in front of New York's MOBIL OIL offices, which has not confirmed a complete pull-out from South Africa. This is a critical time. We urge you to support this event with your organization's endorsement, contribution in dollars or kind, and outreach. (Please return the enclosed form by May 11, so we can add your organization to the endorsers list.)

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Together we count on your continuing support in building the groundswell  
sanctions and for justice--from New York City to South Africa.

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The South Africa apartheid state continues to fight against the freedoms of most of the people in Southern Africa. The U.S. and the other major western governments continue to support the South African regime.

With the silent complicity of most of the world's press, South Africa tortures, beats and murders political prisoners. Over the past three years some 30,000 people have been detained-including 12,000 children. Having endured indefinite periods in prison without trial or charges, in violation of international law, hundreds of these South-African citizens are on hunger strike, demanding to be released. Many have already suffered permanent damage and are near death.

Courageous as they are, the oppressed people of South Africa need your active support to win their freedom with the least loss of life and in the shortest possible time. To stop the detentions, torture and murder, to stop the massacres of civilians in South Africa, of

SWAPO sympathizers in Namibia and throughout Southern Africa, strong, comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa are needed.

An important component of worldwide sanctions is the cutting off of oil products to South Africa, which has none of its own. Shell and Mobil Oil are being targeted because these multinational corporations supply the South African police and military machine, thereby lubricating, and strengthening apartheid.

To commemorate the anniversary of the Soweto massacre we are planning a demonstration: FRIDAY, JUNE 16, at 3 P. M. It will include a march, rally and civil disobedience. We plan to march from Senator Alfonse D'Amato's New York City office to Mobil Oil headquarters, followed by a rally with cultural presentations and nonviolent civil disobedience.

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0 DEMAND COMPLETE AND COMPREHENSIVE SANCTIONS NOW

0 MOBIL AND SHELL OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA 0 FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

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