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I wish to thank each and everyone of you who attended and
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TO: ALL PAPER PRESENTERS:

Dear Sir/Madam VNPPRN

I wish to thank you all on behalf of the Institute for your presentation at our Seminar recently on "Peace and Security in Southern Africa".

The Institute is considering the possibility of publishing the Seminar Proceedings in a Booklet form. This, of course, W111 depend on whether we get the necessary resources and willing publishers.

Meanwhile, I invite individual presenters to let us know with the least possible delay if any shot; correction of importange for the ungerstanding of the text 1g to he made. The deadline is fixed on 30 April 1992. If by then we haven't received anything from you, we will publish the integral version of your text as it is now. To those who made verbal presentations, may we please have your written papers by the above deadline.

Again, I wish to express my deep appreciation for your interest and active participation at our recent Seminar.

We certainly 100k forward to continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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### INTRODUCTION

The Seminar on Peace and Security in Southern Africa was opened by the Director of the Zimbabwe Institute of Development Studies, Dr. A.M. Rukobo who outlined some of the objectives of the Seminar as: the identification, analysis and assessment of some of the new strategies for conflict resolution and economic development in Southern Africa prompted by the changing political situation in South Africa and the changing International economy lahdscape. More than 40 high ranking people participated in the 3 day seminar. These were drawn from the academic, government policy-makers in ZimDabwe, the Church and dTpTomatTC 66mmUhTty in Harare.

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ECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA - DR T.J.B. JOKONYAI SENIOR

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

In his contribution, the Senior Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr Jokonya said that Zimbabwets approach to the Southern African Regional environment has been based on principles and guided by its foreign pollcy - emanating not only from Zimbabwe's national ethos, but also from the Charters Of the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity.

Zimbabwe, Dr. Jokonya said, guards the princlple of self-determination and independence for ltself as seen by its refusal to appear a 'client' state of any other power, but also champions the same for the people of South Africa. As for Namibia, Zimbabwe did everything consistent with its means to help bring independence and majority rule to that country and South Africa. The Senior Secretary told participants that Ztmbabwe contributed funds to the OAU Liberation Committee for us by the Liberation movements of Southern Africa. As Chairman of NAM, Zimbabwe heXped to Iaunch the Africa Fund for Southern Africa which aimed assisting hot only the liberation movements in Namibia and Q)

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South Africa, but aWSO the Scuthern African States threatened by Pretoria,s destabilisation acts.

Dr. Jokonya sawd that as part of the Non-Aligned Groups at the U.N. Zimbabwe worked hard to have the U.N. put into Namibia an UNTAG team that could ensure free and fair elections in Namibia prior to the March 1990 elections. The Harare Declaration on Southern Africa, adopted by the OAU Ad Hoc Committee on Southern Africa, which was eventually adopted by the UN General Assembly has become a blue-print for a negotiated solution to the question of South Africa.

The Senior Secretary explained that the climate conducive to negotiations can be created in South Africa, the kind of end result envisaged as democratic by the international community, and the procedure of re-admitting South Africa into the international community.

2. REGIONAL SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA VS SOUTH AFRICA'S  $^{\mbox{\scriptsize M}}$ 

POLICY OF DESTABILISATION (AN OVERVIEW) - PROFESSOR HASU IT PATEL UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE.

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In his introduction, Professor Hasu Patel attempted to define the concept of Peace and Security. He said Peace and Security is usually associated with the absence of violence and war from groups or Indlvlduals. He polnted out that Peace and Security can also be of non-military nature:

e.g. Social peace

Psychological Peace which can be perceived by either the state or 1ndivlduals.

Economic Peace, which can be expressed in the absence of unemponment, economic mobllity and absence of material hardships.

Water security, expressed in the absence of draught - which has affected almost everything adversely because nothing is possible without water.

Prof. Patel, however, said that Peace and Security considerations had to take into account both Internal and external dimensions which can be either mllltary or non-mllltary.

CONFLICTS IN THE REGION

Conflicts In the Southern African Region have been basically generated by White's domination over blacks as evidenced by the formation of 11beration movements in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Mozambique.

Prof. Patel said aWthough South Africa,s Destabilisation has been lowered for now, there is no guarantee that it can not come back agaln. He observed that the issue of land which has generated a lot of heat in Zimbabwe is being watched closely by the white South Africans.

Prof. Patel characterised peace process in

- Zimbabwe (the Unity Accord);
- Angola (the Peace Record and forth coming elections in September 1992).
- Mozambique (the more that 10 sessions held between the Mozambican Government and Renam9-49gapee#vte-establish-guea\_\_\_\_4ime Peace Accord).
- South Africa (CODESA) is a confidence bulldlng process for a peaceful solution to the South African Conflict). On internal conflicts in Scuth Africa, Prof. Patel said that de KIerkts proposal should be accepted but that the right wing of the white community are still a danger and that a right wing coup remains a poesiblllty in South Africa. Prof. Patel also talked

i of the danger posed by the South African Defence Force (SADF) because of its possession of nuclear weapons. Prof. Patel said a New South Africa W111 be a major power but, he saw major probWems 1n integrating all armed milltary groups in South Africa because of sheer size and lack of manpower.

3. THE MOZAMBICAN PEACE ACCORD AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION - PAULO TEMBEI EMBASSY OF MOZAMBIQUEI HARARE.

In his presentation, Mr Tembe said that RENAMOts demands as a precondition in signing a PEACE ACCORD are very unrealistic. Mozambique, he said, is committed to peace in the region and the Nkomati Peace Accord testiflee to that effect. But Renamo has proved to be a stumbling block in attaining lasting peace in Mozambique.

More than one and half years have gone by since the Mozambique government and the MNR met in Rome for the first direct talks and agreed to work towards an end to the bIOOdy confllct that in 15 years has claimed more than a mlllion lives. The FRELIMO government has had to bend over backwards to accommodate to Rghfnp ever increasing demands. Mr Tembe said all this has been to no avall. In fact, he added, Rename is not yet ready to be a political party.

Mr Terbe said that the situation in Mozambique is compounded by the fact that nany countries want to join in t? negotiations - b

e.g. the U.K. and Sweden. He said this complicates the whole

4(a) THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FORMATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN SOUTH AFRICA & PROSPECT FOR A DEMOCRATIC AND NON-RACIAL SOCIETY - MAX MLONYENII ANC CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE IN ZIMBABWE. The Chief Representative of the African National Congress in Zimbabwe, Cde Mlonyeni gave a profile of the struggle in South Africa. Among the important 1ssue he spoke of was the establishment of a South African Patriotic Front in Durban, which forum was attended by about 90 different political, religious organisations. He said that the ANC believes that a Patriotic Front must go beyond the mere confines of the ANC and PAC and should therefore encompass as many organised groups as possible, Including the Bantustans. The idea is, said the ANC Chief Representative, to maximise as far as possible, the isolation of the Pretoria regime. He pointed out that the Patriotic Front was \_\_fhe4vfecursor of CODESA, although some peopYe felt that CODESA was not capable of dellverihg the goods, that it was nothing but a mere talk-shop. Cde Mlonyeni explained that CODESA is net an end in 1tself but a process and ANC is determined to succeed having been gixen the mahdate to negotiate by its Congress. He concYUded by saying that the ANC is now looking at the economy into the South AFrican weuid 100k and that Apr17 1992 Con . (D (f)

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### 4(8) PAC A VIEW

Cde Bamba Ndwandwe of the Pan Africanist Movement of Azania (PAC) said in his contribution that the PACts view is that people take up arms because talking has not been possible. He said that the PAC is not opposed to negotiations, but has got a stand on these negotiations.

The PAC Representatives said that the PAC demands that de Klerk must first declare that he is in favour of one-man-one-vote; the PAC also wanted to know who is to preside of the funeral of Apartheid and witness the birth of the New Nation in South Africa.

Cde Ndwandwe outlined the problems pertaining to CODESA. For example, he said that the various committees set-up by CODESA do not fit in any real life situation because no Constitutional Agreement exists yet to support thegr work. He said there is need to set-up a traditional framework before going into detalls not supported by any Constitutional Agreement.

On the Patriotic Front, Cde Fdwandwe said it was a failure

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Cde Strike Thokoane, Biack Consciousness Movement (BCM)
Representative in Harare said in his contribution that aithough
the BCM is a late-comer into the politics of South Africa, it is
indeed a force to reckon with. He said the BCM has so far
managed to politise the people in South Africa (blacks), but
there is stiii need to poiitise the whites about the evils they
are committing in South Africa. The BCM feels that this could be
done by whites themseives and not by the oppressed biacks.
Cde Ndwandwe said the BCM believes that negotiations with the
enemy are usefui, but should not be allowed to stop the struggie.
In this regard the BCM feeis that all forms of the struggle
should be maintained. The BCM aiso wants any negotiations to be
heid outside South Africa in a neutral country. Further, the BCM
is shocked by the untimely repatriation of guerrillas back to
South Africa before a constitutional agreement is reached.
On CODESA, Cde Thokoane said that his organisation shans it
because CODESA Tacks honest negotiators. He said CODESA business
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South Africa is free. He said BCM wants fuii freedom and hot
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5. AFRICA FUND: ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE FRONT-

INE STATES - MRS L. PRASAD ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER -

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Mrs Prasad outlined the objectives of the Africa Fund which was set-up by the Non-Aligned movement at the its 8th summit in Harare in September 1986. The major objectives for launching the Fund were defined as:

- 1. To strengthen the economic and flnancial capability of the Front-Wine States to fight the apartheid regime of Pretoria and to support the Liberation Movements in South Africa and Namibia in their unrelenting struggle against racist and coWonlalist oppression; and
- 2. To assist the Front-line Statee to enforce sanctions against South Africa and to'Copegwfth'any\_Tewa&%atoryrecehem\$e-e-ieWW action by the racist regime.

Mrs Prasad re-affirmed India's commitment to the Africa Fund and liberation of South Africa. This commitment is manifest in the policies of Mahatma Gandhi (the father of Ihdia) and burn 1n Africa, JawahaeraW Nehru; Indira Ghawdi; Rajiv Indian government.

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THE ROLE OF THE CHURCHES 1N FOSTERING PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA - REV. MUROMBEDZI C. KUCHERAI GENERAL eECRETARY QF THE ZIMBABWE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

Speaking on the "Role of Churches in Festering Peace in the Southern African Region" Rev. Kuchera said one of the roles the church plays is to persuade the fighting forces to go to the Round Tables and discuss peaceful means of ending the coanicts. He added that the church believes that no amount of mllitary fighting would solve the problems involved in the disputes. Rev. Kuchera said that during the war of liberation in Zlmbabwe, the churches, through the Zimbabwe Council of Churches. though its services division, the Christian Care, provided food, 3 clothing, shelter and education to the families of political victims as well as the education of the political victims themselves. The church furthermpanticipatedajn\_the;

- 1) Lancaster House Peace Process;
- 2) Peace efforts in Mozambique;
- 4) in South Africa the church is actively involved goine on  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$
- 3) Namibian Peace Process;

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the support of the Woer Council of Churches.

THE ROLE OF THE LIBERATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE - JONAH H. GOKOVA - CHRISTIANS FOR LIBERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. Mr Jonah Gokova informed the seminar participants that the Liberation Support Committee emerged out of an attempt by a group of Zimbabwean progressive Christians to challenge South Africats policy of apartheid and to enable Christians and the Zimbabwean Public in general to express solidarity with the struggllng people of South Africa. It was for this reason that The Liberation Support Committee was established in 1985 as an effort by a number of Christians in Zimbabwe who were concerned about the escalating destructive role of the South African apartheid regime, both within South Africa and in the Front-11ne States. Of late, Mr Gokova said that the Liberation Support Committee has been 1nv01ved 1n the process towards assisting South African exiies to return home safely - one specific responsibility of the committee has been the production and dissemination of information on the conditions set for the safe return of South African ellles.

HE CHARACTER OF TRADE IN SADCC AND FUTURE PROSPECTS -

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MS V. HOVE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

Ms Hove outline the objectives of SADCC as:

- 1. The reduction of economic dependence, partlcularly, but not only, on South Africa;
- 2. Forging of links to create a genuine and equitabWe regional integration;
- 3. Mobllisation of resources to promote the impWementatiOh of national, interstate and regional pollcies and concerted action to secure international co-operation within the framework of the strategy for economic liberation.

  Ms Hove also pointed out that Trade in SADCC has been adversely affected by insecurity in the Southern African region which ranges from clvll conflicts in Angola and Mozambique and the South Africats destabilisation policy against her neighbours. With Peace and Security assured In the Southern African region, Ms Hove said there is potential for prosperity which would improve the living standards of the people.

9. EASTZWEST RELATIONS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE - ROBERT JACKSON, SECOND SECRETARY, u.s. EMBASSY, HARARE,

In hls contribution, Mr Jackson told the participants that in Iate 19808 and early 19905 relations between the East and West were transformed. and the pollcy of containment with its inherent competition and occasional confrontation became a pollcy of -consensus-building and COeoperation. East and West found common ground in their approach to conflicts around the worWd, and Southern Africa was no exception.

The East/West cooperation, Mr Jackson polnted out has resuited 1n the dying up of large scale arms dellverles from the East as well as the wlthdrawal of East bloc troops and mllltary advisers. For example, after AngoTa, Cuba and South Africa signed the Tripartite Agreement in December in 1988 llnklng Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola to Namibian Independence, Portugal, the 4W4H-Se#4et unten, and the Uwss cooperated to secure the signing of the Angolan Cease-fire ln Aprll 1991. Thus, co-operation translated into the end of long clvll wars in Angola and Namibia. Cooperation between the East and the West was central to the U.N. Supervised Nammbian transition to independence and to democracy and to the signing of the AngoTan cease-fire. Mr Jackssn a7\$o

10. RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND PERCEPTIONS OF PEACE & SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA – YURI F. POPOV EMBASSY OF THE RUSS AN FEDERATION HARARE.

Speaking of Russian's Foreign Policy and its perceptions of Peace & Security in Southern Africa, Mr Popov, said that Russia had declared herself a contwnuing state of the former USSR, taking over all Soviet commitments abroad. With the emergence of Russia having assumed the international role of the former Soviet Union, Mr Popov said, the principle of peaceful settlement of regional conflicts has become one of the cornerstones of Russians foreign pollcy. Applied tq Southern Africa, the principWe means that the intens to render every feasibWe assistance to facilitate Russians

finding negotiated and just solutions to remaining disputes in the region.

Speaking on Russia's diplomatic relations with South Africa, Mr Popov explained that this may 100k odd and to some extent controversial from the point of view of certain leaders and forces unable to dispense with dogmatic mentality. He told vts that lon9 time ide0109i0ally motivated absence of particwcaq

ccwtects betweew Mesccw and Pretoria has became clearly iradequate and abeolate under the present circumstances and -:al progress both in Segth Africa

and in the region. Conversely, Mr Popov, said that the physical presence of Russia 1n South Affica is aimed pfimarily at maintaining balanced interaction with principal forces of the country s society in order to encourage constructive deveTopments in South Africa.

11. \$OUTHERN AFRICAN POLITICAL & ECONOMIC SERIES TRUST (SAPES) RESEARCH PROPOSAL - DR LLOYD J. CHING'AMBO SA ES TRUST HARARE.

Dr Chingtambo presented a Peace and Security Proposal for SAPES 1n the post-apartheid era. The proposal looks at the lon9 lasting peace and security in the region.

Dr Ching, ambo pointed out that much has been talked about and written on Peace and Security, but most of it has been in the Western concext on the traditional western styWe of security concerns. He said nothing much has been done to see African security in its proper context.

In looking at the African security context, one encounters the problems of:

- undemocratic political structures;
- fragile policy making;
- economic and technological backwardness.

Dr Ching'ambo 3150 underlined the fact that ethnic problems in many African cnuntrtes undermine Peace and Security. He observed in Africa.

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What will haggen when agartheid is over?
Dr Ching'ambo said there will be reduced tensions between countries in the region and when apartheid disappears;
- new alignments will emerge in the region; ESAP programmes will run into conflict with issues of peace and security.
Dr Ching,ambo said that for lasting peace and security in the region to prevail there 15 need for a common goal approval rather than a national one. He pointed out that the presence of strategic minerals in the region could be a source of new conflicts.

Dr Chingtambo warned that the accumulation of hard military ware at the expense of economic development does not guarantee peace and security for anyone.

12, PROSPECTS FOR A COLLECTIVE DEFENCE EFFQRT IN \$OUTHERN AFRIQA - BRIGADIER P.V. SIBANDA ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY.

In his contribution, Brigadier Sibanda stated that the existence of the Southern African Inter-State Defence and Security Commission could be used as a basis for a future coll9ctlve defence and security organisation, taking into account of the expanded and collectlve nature of this future organisation. As for whether prospects for a collective defence effort in Southern Africa exist or not, Brigadier Sibanda said that the reasons which brought about the existence of SEATO and the GGC exist in Seuthern Africa, albeit in varying degrees of intensity. Furthermore, Brig. Sibahda pointed out that the existence of cross border tribal connections adds impetus to the need for countries in this region to co-exist with one another for the benefit of its peopWe.

Brig. Sibanda, however, warned that collective defence is not that easy to achieve; the success or fallure of a future regional defence grouping in Southern Africa will therefore depend very much on the existence of a common threat and the acceptance by all mew: rs states of this grouping that they are indeed (D

threateied, and there being some political will to eetablish a workabTe regional

#### CONCLUSIONE

THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SEMINAR ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE:

The root cause of violence in the region has been apartheid and the main purpose behind South Africais military and economic actions has been preservation of white minority rule. While the structures of white supremacy are still intact, a significant change in the baiance of internal forces has occurred in comparisons with the situation prevailing when the 1948 legislation on apartheid was enacted; instead of being arrogant, the white minority is now on the defensive - they are now concerned with how much power to surrender in order to keep as much power as possible and even to ensure their own future. However, there exists a difference of opinion as to the nature of present poiiticai realities. There are those who say that some meaningful changes are taking place both within the white ruling class and aiso the liberation movements and extra-pariiamentary opposition whose presence is being felt through mass action. The are also those who see no positive progress, who regard the CCDEEA Forsm not as a step forward but a step in the reverse direction.

The International Community has a responsibility to promote a peaceful resolution to the multiple conflicts in the sub-region, particularly the core conflict in South Africa Itself. The possibility of involving active international participants should be explored seriously.

The peace and economic security of the majority-ruled Southern African States are under enormous strain. Their economies are in a bind because of unequaT exchange in the international market, ravaging drought and recent destabiTisation acts carried by South Africa.

Effective ways and means of contributing to the Africa Fund shoqu be explored.

Peace efforts in Mozambique shoqu be encouraged as muehAasgAAgggggviei possibTe.

Research on Peace and Security in the African context shoqu be carried out; and there is need for research on non-miTitary aspects of seturity.

ReTations between SADCC and PTA shoqu be thoroughTy examined 1n Tight of setting up of a viabTe regionaT economic organisation.

All organisations, Including the church, must encourage activer

peace and security inltiatives in the region.
The possibility of exploring the settine up of a common defence strategy in Southern Africa should be explored.

Research on how best to integrate the South African armed units need to be carried out.

There is need for new forms of struggle in South Africa and the possibllity of launching urban guerriIWa war-fare should talks fail.

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