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RESOLUTION¹
on
southern Africa

The ACP-EEC Joint Assembly

- meeting in Inverness (United Kingdom) from 23 to 27 September 1985

- A. indignant at the increasing repression in South Africa where, as the authorities themselves admit, confrontations between the public and the police have led to the death of more than 700 civilians since the last Consultative Assembly meeting in Luxembourg,
- B. aware that black South Africans have renewed their fight against all forms of apartheid and expressing its support for the ANC and the UDF for their courageous opposition to the apartheid system in South Africa,
- C. aware also that this deterioration has now spilled in many forms over into the neighbouring SADCC States through acts of aggression as a result of economic measures now being exerted on the South African regime by the international community,

¹ Adopted on 26 September 1985 with one abstention

- D. desiring the earliest possible end of apartheid and the granting of political rights to all the people of South Africa,
- E. welcoming the initiative taken by leading business men to meet representatives of the black opposition,
1. Again condemns the South African apartheid regime for its crimes and for the repeated violations of human rights of which it is guilty;
 2. Stresses the need to find a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems through negotiations involving all major political leaders;
 3. Calls upon the South African government to create the conditions for such negotiations by ending the state of emergency, with its associated special powers and restrictions;
 4. In the circumstances, considers the sole aim of the "reforms" announced by Peter Botha to be to uphold the underlying principles of apartheid;
 5. Notes that South Africa has not ceased its attempts to destabilize its neighbours and refuses to comply with the non-aggression pacts concluded with them;
 6. Calls on the Community to insist more firmly on the application of United Nations Resolution 435 calling for the independence of Namibia;
 7. Condemns in the strongest terms the installation of a puppet government in Windhoek by the Botha regime and calls upon the international community to give it no recognition;
 8. Calls upon the South African government:
 - i) to end the state of emergency,
 - ii) to open as a matter of urgency a dialogue with representatives of all the people of South Africa, without distinction of race or colour, with a view of providing them with South African citizenship and their share in the government of the country,

25. Condemns the policy and practice of state terrorism being perpetrated by the racist regime of Pretoria against the neighbouring states in the region through acts of sabotage and the training and financing of armed groups and mercenaries in the territories of these states in a bid to overthrow their governments;

26. Condemns South Africa's recent invasion of Angola which was aimed at lending support to the armed group of Unita, and considers this invasion an act of flagrant violation of international norms;

27. Condemns further South Africa for its continued violation of the Nkomati Accord;

28. Asks its Co-Presidents to forward this resolution to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the Commission, the EEC Economic and Social Committee and the governments of all the signatories of the Lomé Convention.

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