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## FUTURE OF COSAWR/RESISTER

### 1. PLANS FOR COSAWR

A number of considerations have brought us to decide upon the following steps with regard to the future of COSAWR:

- a) terminating the employment of the full-time and part-time workers;
- b) the transfer of our resources, specifically our filing system, to the Jagger Library in Cape Town;
- c) the termination of the production of Resister by COSAWR;
- d) the termination of campaigning and research work around the military and war resistance in South Africa; and
- e) the continuation of the committee as an ad-hoc group of war resisters remaining in London.

### 2. CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAVE LED TO THESE DECISIONS

- a) Practical: Matthew Temple, the full-time administrator for COSAWR is returning to South Africa on 30 November as part of the COSAWR organised public return. It will prove difficult to find a replacement for him from the war resisters remaining in London, and who are sufficiently skilled for the demands of the job.
- b) Financial: we have had severe funding difficulties in the past and we foresee that a lot of the funding that we have received will become redirected into South Africa and away from information type work towards practical projects.
- c) Political: the imminent return of exiles including many COSAWR activists, and the changes in the political terrain have led us to the position where we see a diminishing role for international work as South African exiles. Our input politically must now be directed inside South Africa, from the organisations that will become our political homes e.g. the End Conscription Campaign, the African National Congress etc etc.

### 3. RESISTER

We have discussed the future of Resister over the past year and have made the decision that our final issue will be produced for the 4th Quarter in 1990. This will be the final issue unless it reappears in another form.

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