

Unity and Vigilance Let Us Intensify the Struggle

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1. The colonial, illegal occupation of Namibia by the Hitlerite Vorster regime is continuing to menace our people and denude our country of its natural resources.
2. This state of affairs prevails in our country because of the enormous military, economic and political assistance that certain recalcitrant Western powers furnish to the occupation regime.
3. The situation is further aggravated by the ever increasing militarization and simultaneous balkanization of our land by the enemy forces.
4. An explosive new element has been injected into the already dangerous situation in southern Africa and that element is the widening nuclear cooperation agreements between certain capitalist countries and their multinational corporations and racist South Africa.
5. Then there are political maneuvers, bribery, intrigues, sabotage, intimidation and blackmail used by the enemy and its allies inside Namibia and abroad to deflect the national resistance of our oppressed masses and placate the mounting, antagonistic international condemnation and rejection of fascism in Namibia together with global imperialist military, politico-economic and strategic domination.
6. The Central Committee vehemently condemns the militarization and bantustanization of Namibia by the South African regime and the use of Namibia by this regime to commit aggression against neighboring countries, namely Angola and Zambia.
7. The Central Committee further condemns with the same vehemence all laws, policies and practices of the occupying regime aimed at destroying the unity of our people as a nation and isolating our communities from one another on an ethnic basis.
8. Moreover, the Central Committee urges all progressive and peace-loving forces of the world to join with us in exposing and condemning nuclear cooperation agreements and other strategic security arrangements between racist South Africa and certain Western countries, especially West Germany, France, Britain, USA and Japan.
9. Furthermore, the Central Committee resolutely denounces and rejects all political maneuvers and other sinister schemes currently being hashed out by South Africa and her agents, e.g. Turnhalle Tribal talks, to impose a puppet, neocolonial regime in Namibia.
10. SWAPO's preconditions on talks regarding the transfer of power to the people of Namibia through their legitimate and authentic representatives are well-known. The

Central Committee now reaffirms that SWAPO of Namibia is the sole instrument for genuine change in our country. Therefore, any arrangement for peaceful change there must, of necessity, take place between the occupying regime and SWAPO. SWAPO already enjoys overwhelming support inside our country and the world over and has therefore been accorded rightful recognition as the Government of Namibia in making.

11. The Central Committee urges all Namibian patriots to maintain unity and vigilance, and to intensify on all fronts the struggle for the national liberation of Namibia.

12. The Central Committee proudly salutes the heroic combatants of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), the military wing of the Party, for the victories and successes scored during the past ten years of the armed struggle and exhorts them to score even more victories as we mark the 10th anniversary of our armed struggle.

13. Equally the Central Committee pays tribute to our comrades and compatriots who have fallen, those injured, and those languishing in enemy jails, concentration camps, detentions and restrictions, as well as those illegally condemned to death, namely comrades Aaron Muchimba and Hendrik Shikongo.

14. The Central Committee endorses the resolutions and decisions of the Walvis Bay Congress of SWAPO, held between May 27 and 29, 1976.

15. The Central Committee declares our revolutionary solidarity with all the fraternal liberation movements: ANC (South Africa), ANC (Zimbabwe), Polisario (West Sahara), so-called French Somaliland, PLO (Palestine), and others in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

16. The Central Committee expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the frontline states, viz. Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia, for their continued active and concrete support to our movement on their own behalf and in the name of the Organization of African Unity.

17. The Central Committee further expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the OAU member states for their consistent support, bilaterally and through the OAU Liberation Committee.

18. The Central Committee also thanks all the socialist countries for their generous concrete assistance and support to our people's struggle through our Movement, especially USSR, China, GDR, Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, DPR Korea, Vietnam, Cuba.

19. The Central Committee takes this opportunity to reaffirm its full support of the cooperation with the UN Council for Namibia and all other organs of the United Nations system.

20. The Central Committee wishes to express particular appreciation and thanks to Nordic countries, especially Sweden, and to Holland, for their whole-hearted assistance in humanitarian needs. Similarly, we welcome and appreciate the effective role being played by solidarity organizations, progressive groups and

churches in Western Europe, North America and other places. In the same vein, we welcome the Dakar Declaration and Program of Action adopted on 8 January 1976.

21. The Central Committee here now declares its renewed determination to redouble all our efforts to liberate Namibia. To this end SWAPO as the sovereign repository of the true interests and legitimate aspirations of our embattled people must weigh all options open to us, including deciding upon the nature and scope of military aid from friendly countries to match the already internationalized oppression and exploitation of Namibia by South Africa and her imperialist allies.



Solidarity

Freedom

Justice