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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DENIS and others,  
Mr WAWRZIK and others,  
on behalf of the Joint Committee

on the situation in Southern Africa

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The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly,

- meeting in Luxembourg from 24 to 26 September 1980,
- having regard to the resolutions adopted by the Consultative Assembly on 28 September 1978 and 12 October 1979 in Luxembourg and by the Joint Committee on 1 February 1979 in Bordeaux,
- 1. Reaffirms its condemnation of South Africa for its apartheid policy and its present activities in Namibia, which are intended to delay the latter's independence and undermine fundamental liberties as defined in the United Nations Charter;
- 2. Strongly urges the South African authorities to free all prisoners of conscience and guarantee, without discrimination, the right to legal defence and to safeguard fundamental liberties in respect of persons and society as a whole; expresses its solidarity with all victims of the regime and urges, in particular, that militants and leading figures of the African National Congress who have been unjustly imprisoned and sentenced should be freed;
- 3. Considers that the measures adopted by the apartheid regime following the compulsory embargo on arms decreed by the United Nations mean that foreign companies operating in South Africa may become involved in the apartheid regime's military programme. These Western companies provide virtually all South Africa's oil, computers and advanced technology. Anything short of total withdrawal on their part would therefore have no effect;
- 4. Considers, more particularly, that the so-called fair employment measures such as the Community code of conduct and the Sullivan principles jeopardize the struggle for freedom despite the argument that these measures may be intended to help promote foreign investment in South Africa;
- 5. Condemns, furthermore, the states and multinational companies and other undertakings in the Community which continue, by virtue of their operations, to give active support and encouragement to the apartheid regime in South Africa, and urges that the principles and decisions adopted by the United Nations should be respected and, above all, that these states and companies should stop investing and operating in South Africa in circumstances which encourage the country's racist government;
- 6. Requests the Council of Ministers to provide details of the activities of the multinationals and to inform the Joint Committee of the measures it intends to take to ensure that they do not continue to violate the commitments given at the United Nations;
- 7. Reiterates its formal condemnation of the various forms of economic and military support given to the apartheid regime in flagrant violation of United Nations resolutions;
- 8. Notes, however, the fact that a number of cultural agreements between Community countries and the Pretoria Government have been suspended;
- 9. Pays homage to the courage of the people and governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Tanzania, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and strongly urges that the special measures which have already been taken to help them should be intensified; regrets that, despite its earlier requests, a special action programme has not yet been initiated for them;
- 10. Condemns the recent bloody acts of aggression perpetrated against sovereign states, notably Angola, Mozambique and Zambia.