

ACTION ALERT

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ILLINOIS LABOR NETWORK AGAINST APARTHEID

Support Comprehensive Sanctions Against South Africa

Comprehensive sanctions are a necessary response to the continuing violent repression and imprisonment of trade union leaders by South Africa's apartheid government.

In October of 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted a limited sanctions law which represented an important step towards ending U.S. support for the apartheid government and economy. However, the law's provisions are limited and U.S. companies and the Reagan Administration have exploited the loopholes in the current law.

Stronger legislation was therefore introduced in Congress in February, 1987, which mandates complete disinvestment of all U.S. corporations within six months of passage of the bill, and includes stronger sections of the present sanctions law such as the termination of the treaty permitting air flights between South Africa and the U.S.

Comprehensive sanctions and disinvestment are strongly supported by South Africa's trade unions. The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the country's largest labor federation, continues its plea for us to take action against the apartheid regime which bans their strikes, jails their leaders and bars their protests.

ACTION NEEDED NOW

Write Senators Alan Dixon and Paul Simon and all U.S. Representatives in the Illinois delegation to urge their support of H.R. 1580/S. 556 which requires disinvestment of all U.S. corporations from South Africa and stronger sanctions against the apartheid government.

It is important to let our legislators hear from your union now!

Send copies of your letters to the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid, % Kathy Devine, 3139 W. School, Chicago, IL 60618.

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