

We, mayors and leaders of city councils of 92 cities in 7 countries hereby call on the ROYAL DUTCH SHELL to cut all its ties with South Africa, including the withdrawal of its subsidiaries from South Africa and Namibia.

We make this call based on the fact that ROYAL DUTCH SHELL continued investments in South Africa and Namibia help to maintain the oppressive system of apartheid.

We are aware of the fact that Shell has publicly renounced the apartheid system and the company has introduced a number of social programs in South Africa. However, these actions are negated by Shell's active support for the South African Government and economy.

Our request for Shell's withdrawal from South Africa and Namibia is inspired by the plea for economic sanctions made by organisations of the black majority of those countries, including the South West African Peoples Organisation, the United Democratic Front, The Congress of South African Trade Unions and the National Council of Trade Unions.

Our request that Shell should withdraw from South Africa and Namibia arises from our abhorrence of racism and oppression and our conviction that these evils should be combatted wherever they appear.

We hope that this call will serve as a stimulus for Shell's board of directors to decide to break all ties with the South African regime

This call was presented to the board of ROYAL DUTCH SHELL at the AGM of Shell, May 11 '88 in The Hague, Netherlands.
The call is signed by mayors and leaders of city councillors from the United States, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Ireland, Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands. Amongst them the Mayors of Los Angeles (U.S.), Washington DC (U.S.), Amsterdam (Netherlands) and leaders of the City Council of Glasgow (U.K.) and Liverpool (U.K.).