



American Committee On Africa

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EMERGENCY ALERT: on the Arms Embargo

The Administration is currently reviewing the Commerce Department regulations restricting the export of US origin commodities, parts, components and technical data to South Africa military and police entities. These controls were imposed in February 1978, as part of a process which subjected South Africa to an arms embargo, consistent with the mandatory United Nations embargo.

The administration seems likely to relax the controls and is due to make its decision by the end of February.

If you have not already done so, please write today urging that the regulations as contained in "Export Administration Regulation 175" be maintained and strictly enforced as a signal to the apartheid government that its continuing system of discrimination and repression will not be tolerated by the US.

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