

## MOTION

We, members of the University of Cape Town, feel it is necessary at this time in our history to express concern at the direction in which our society is heading. At the same time we express our solidarity with those people suffering from the humiliation and oppression engendered by our social system, as well as those who have joined in the peaceful struggle to change that system.

We express our solidarity with the legitimate demands of those who pursued their aspirations peacefully, many of whom are particularly feeling the force of government repression at the present time. We think particularly of thousands of our fellow South Africans among:

- (a) the children of Soweto and the relatives and friends of those who have been killed or injured; and
- (b) members of the Black universities, who suffer from the burden of an inferior and "ethnic" educational system.

Similarly, without endorsing or condemning any political viewpoint, we protest on behalf of all those who are imprisoned, or on trial for their political beliefs and all those who are detained - in particular 2 members of our own university.

We believe that the demands and protests of millions of South Africans have gone unheeded, being met by increasing violence and repression. This hinders the interchange of ideas so essential to a peaceful future. Our hopes for the peaceful attainment of justice in a free and open South Africa fade more rapidly with each successive act of repression. Under these circumstances we can foresee only increased bloodshed.

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