

United Democratic Movement

Press Statement

re: Margaret Thatcher policy on S.A

We condemn Thatcher's stand on lifting sanctions on new investments to S.A. Britain has not only isolated itself from the rest of the international community but it is also alienating itself from the people of S.A. It is in this light that we seize the opportunity to salute the 100 conservative MP'S who have said it loud and clear that the Thatcher statement means that they are now going to "prop up the apartheid regime rather than transforming it"

Whilst, leaders such as President Bush have indicated that this is not the moment to lift sanctions, the attempt by the British Government to hoodwink the international community into lifting sanctions against S.A, must be rejected with the contempt it deserves.

The call for the lifting of sanctions, is a prerogative of the oppressed and exploited people of S.A. It is therefore the people of S.A who will decide that the time has arrived for sanctions to be lifted.

In this regard we are guided and stand fully behind the Harare and UN Declaration on S.A, that until such time that all obstacles to negotiations have been met, a Constituent Assembly set up and a new constitution drawn up, for part the international community will lift sanctions against S.A.

Although, the De Klerk government has made a move in the right direction towards creating a climate of negotiations, not all conditions have been met, the death squads still roam our streets, the State of Emergency is still in place, the Internal Security Act is still intact and moreover apartheid is still in existence and it is incumbent upon us to intensify the struggle on all fronts, including sanctions.

We call on all progressive people throughout the world, and in particular within Britain itself to intensify the call for sanctions against S.A.

Issued by the General Secretary

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