

# Greater London Council



*At a meeting of the Greater London Council held at The County Hall, SE1  
on Tuesday 20 December 1983 the Council adopted a*

**DECLARATION** presented by the Greater London Council as an expression of its opposition to apartheid and its commitment to the cause of freedom in South Africa, to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela and all other prisoners of apartheid, and in recognition of the struggles and sacrifices of the African National Congress of South Africa and South West African People's Organization of Namibia and others to liberate their peoples.

The Council declares its abhorrence of the racist régime of South Africa and its illegal occupation of Namibia. The Council believes that the apartheid system of South Africa is an affront to human dignity and a threat to world peace and racial harmony.

In accordance with these views the Council will, within the limits of its legal powers, campaign to end all links between the Council and the apartheid régime of South Africa, utilizing all social, political, economic and legal measures that are at its disposal. In particular it will, whenever possible and appropriate, having regard to the Council's legal powers and duties, pursue vigilant practices to —

- (1) Cease the purchase of any goods originating from South Africa and Namibia;
- (2) Withdraw all investments held by the Council in companies with South African interests or companies with investments in South Africa and Namibia;
- (3) Ensure that the Council is not officially represented at any function attended by representatives of the South African Government, South African embassy, the "Bantustans" or trade missions and refuse to meet or receive any official visitors from South Africa and Namibia;
- (4) Campaign against investments and loans held by companies in South Africa and Namibia, discourage all economic links between Greater London and apartheid South Africa and Namibia and promote better relations with the developing economies of the 'Third World';
- (5) Withhold use of leisure facilities from any sporting or cultural event involving South African and Namibian participants who are known to support the concept of apartheid;
- (6) Promote public understanding of the situation in southern Africa and encourage the positive teaching of the history, culture and struggle for self-determination of the South African and Namibian people and in particular the role of women in this struggle;
- (7) Encourage the naming of streets and buildings after prominent opponents of apartheid, and the commemoration of historic connections between the southern African liberation struggle and London, including the unveiling of blue plaques in honour of such connections;
- (8) Discourage the advertisement of South African products at public sites and facilities, including London Transport and British Rail; and
- (9) Ensure that the Greater London Enterprise Board and other Council agencies pursue policies consistent with this Declaration.

The Council hereby declares the Greater London area to be an Anti-Apartheid Zone to complement its Anti-Racist Declaration, and undertakes in co-operation with the Anti-Apartheid Movement to discourage the people of Greater London from buying South African products, to organize appropriate events to publicize and implement the adoption of this Declaration and to encourage all other London boroughs to do likewise.