

**southern  
africa:  
making hope  
a reality**

*towards*

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*to the*

**Anti-Apartheid**

**Movement**



**including Draft  
Founding  
Statement  
for Successor  
Organisation**

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**With the birth of democracy in South Africa, the goal of the Anti-Apartheid Movement has, at long last, been achieved. At an Extraordinary General Meeting held in London on Saturday 25 June - just two months after South Africa's first ever non-racial elections - the participants decided unanimously, after extensive debate and discussion, to transform the Anti-Apartheid Movement into a new movement of solidarity with the peoples of Southern Africa.**

This Extraordinary General Meeting went much further in setting out the framework for the Successor Organisation. It:

- adopted the Draft Founding Statement - the vision of the new organisation;
- set the date for its Launch - Saturday 29 October 1994 - when it is also envisaged that a formal decision will be taken to dissolve the AAM;
- elected an Interim Leadership to make all the necessary preparations.

A Report outlining all the decisions taken at the EGM on 25 June is available on request.

The proposition that the AAM should be transformed into a new movement of solidarity has already attracted remarkable international support in messages received from President Mandela of South Africa, President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, President Nujoma of Namibia and President Chissano of Mozambique; the Secretary-Generals of the United Nations, the Organisation of African Unity, the Commonwealth and the World Council of Churches as well as the European Commissioner, Mr Hans van den Broek.

It is envisaged that affiliates and members of the AAM will have their membership automatically transferred to the Successor Organisation. It is hoped that it will also attract wider support from all those who share a common commitment to make the hope of a new vision for Southern Africa a reality.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this new movement of solidarity please complete the attached coupon and return it to the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

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## **Draft Founding Statement for the Successor Organisation to the Anti - Apartheid Movement**

'The new organisation is founded in the belief that the birth of the new South Africa opens the way for the people of South and Southern Africa to build societies in which all can live in peace, racial and social harmony and economic sufficiency. Its foundation is a direct response to the call of the people of the region for a new movement of international solidarity to help make their hopes for the future a reality.

The new democratic South Africa is faced with the terrible legacy of apartheid, which has left a people with deep racial and political divisions and huge inequalities of wealth, education, health and housing. South Africa's first democratic government has been elected with a mandate to implement a wide-ranging Reconstruction and Development Programme which addresses both the challenge of nation-building and the need for social and economic development.

The policies of apartheid South Africa have had destructive consequences throughout Southern Africa. Angola and Mozambique have been devastated by war and subsequent economic collapse which have killed, mutilated and displaced millions of people. In fact, all the countries of Southern Africa have been victims of Pretoria's aggression and destabilisation which has seriously impeded their developmental efforts. The transformation of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference into the Southern African Development Community, with South Africa as its eleventh member, opens up the prospect of the new South Africa contributing to the development of the whole region.

These issues lead to a new agenda for solidarity in Britain and internationally:

- Helping to promote and consolidate peace and democracy in South Africa and throughout Southern Africa;
- Ensuring that Southern Africa remains a major priority for the international community;
- Promoting new bonds of friendship and solidarity to help empower the people of Southern Africa through the encouragement and promotion of 'people to people' solidarity and other forms of co-operation;
- Ensuring that the public are educated and informed about developments in Southern Africa;
- Mobilising support for the governments and people of Southern Africa in their efforts to promote a new era of reconstruction and development throughout the region, including pressing for major programmes of international development assistance;
- Developing a capacity to help shape and monitor the policies of governments, the European Union and institutions such as the IMF, World Bank, and multi-national corporations, so that they are supportive of the vision of a new Southern Africa;

- Campaigning so that trade, investment and aid relationships are beneficial to the region as a whole and do not reinforce existing inequalities;
- Encouraging sustainable and balanced development within a framework of common security and peace in the region.

With the ending of apartheid, the goal for which the Anti-Apartheid Movement was founded has been achieved. But there is an even greater need for new forms of solidarity to help make the vision of a new future for Southern Africa a reality. The new organisation is committed to ensuring that the many thousands of people in this country – as well as the numerous organisations and networks – that campaigned against apartheid are able to develop new forms of friendship and solidarity with the people of Southern Africa in their efforts to consolidate peace and democracy and to promote development and reconstruction. Moreover, the new organisation will seek to provide a framework through which all those who are inspired by a new vision for Southern Africa will be able to participate and contribute.

The new organisation looks forward to cooperating with the remarkably diverse range of organisations in Britain and internationally which played such a vital role in combatting apartheid as well as with others which share its objective of promoting friendship and solidarity with the new South Africa.

The new organisation also recognises that racism is endemic in Britain and that the forces of the far right are growing in influence across Europe. Anti-racism will be an important component of the new organisation's work, and it pledges to work with other anti-racist organisations to combat racism wherever it occurs. Likewise the new organisation recognises the special forms of oppression which black women in Southern Africa face and pledges to address these issues.

In a world in which division and inequality between people and nations are on the increase, the new organisation believes that the people of Southern Africa are showing that this process can be reversed. It therefore pledges itself to mobilise people in Britain to support reconstruction in Southern Africa both for the sake of the people of the region and as an example to Britain and the rest of the world'.

25 June 1994

*This Draft Founding Statement will be presented to the launch meeting of the successor organisation to the Anti-Apartheid Movement which is scheduled to take place on Saturday 29 October 1994. Any suggestions for the name of the new organisation will be most welcome.*

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Ms. Mamta Singh, AAM, 13 Mandela Street, London NW1 0DW

- I am interested in receiving further information about the Successor Organisation to the AAM
- I would like a copy of the Report of the AAM EGM on 25 June
- I am interested in attending the Launch of the Successor Organisation
- I would like further copies of this leaflet. Please send me.....
- I would like details of how organisations can affiliate to the Successor Organisation
- I would like to join the AAM and thereby automatically become a member of the Successor Organisation and enclose £.... (Annual membership fee: Joint £18, Individual £14.50, Unwaged £9.50. Please make cheques payable to the AAM.)

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## Messages

"We welcome the decision that the Anti-Apartheid Movement should embark on the process of transforming itself into a new movement of solidarity with the peoples of Southern Africa. This initiative has our full blessing and we urge everyone to give it their support. We also trust that it will inspire similar movements across the world so that together we can build a new future for Southern Africa and a new world in which racism and injustice are banished forever."

**Nelson Mandela, President, South Africa**

"I am heartened by your efforts to transform the Anti-Apartheid Movement into a new movement of international solidarity with the peoples of Southern Africa. The struggle for South Africa is not over - the commitment of the international community must continue. Your desire to assist in the reconstruction and development of Southern Africa, speaks to your potential to reinforce the success in the new South Africa and to generate momentum for enduring progress in the region as a whole. At this time when you celebrate 35 years of extraordinary accomplishment in the struggle against racism, and contemplate a new chapter in the history of your organisation, I send you my very best wishes for every success in your deliberations."

**Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary General, United Nations**

"The scars of apartheid are all over Southern Africa, and this is why we heartily welcome your decision to focus attention on the reconstruction and development of Southern Africa. We look forward to a new partnership in this venture."

**Dr Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary General,  
Organisation of African Unity**

"As the Anti-Apartheid Movement itself will be the first to admit, the end of the struggle still leaves South Africa with the enormous task of reconstruction and development without which the victory against apartheid will be hollow. In this new phase, the people of Southern Africa will need continuing international co-operation. I therefore send my best wishes to the Anti-Apartheid Movement as it seeks to mobilise international support for reconstruction and development in the new South Africa and the region as a whole."

**Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary  
General**

"I very much welcome the transformation of your organisation into a new movement of solidarity with the peoples of southern Africa which would support the reconstruction and development of South Africa and the region as a whole."

**Hans Van Den Broek, Member of the Commission of  
the European Communities**

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