

A DECLARATION

PRESENTED BY SHEFFIELD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO RUTH MOMPATI ON 7th OCTOBER 1981, IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE OF NELSON MANDELA AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Sheffield Metropolitan District Council declares its abhorrence of the apartheid regime of South Africa and its illegal occupation of Namibia. We believe that the racist system of South Africa is an affront to human dignity and a threat to world peace.

In accordance with these views we pledge that the Council will campaign to end all links between the City of Sheffield and the apartheid regime of South Africa, utilising all social, political and economic measures that are at the disposal of the authority. In particular we will:—

1. Cease purchasing goods which originate from South Africa, and pursue this policy within the purchasing authorities in which the Council is involved.
2. Withdraw investments held by the Council in companies with South African interests.
3. Ensure that the City Council is not officially represented at any function attended by representatives of the South African government or trade missions.
4. Withhold use of recreational facilities from any sporting or cultural event involving South African participants.
5. Discourage all economic links with South Africa, promoting better relations with the developing economies of the "Third World".
6. Encourage the positive teaching of the history, culture and struggle for self-determination of the African peoples.
7. Instruct the City Libraries and schools not to make available South African government propaganda.
8. Promote public understanding of the situation in Southern Africa.

In commemoration of this declaration, the Council will designate October 7th as a "Day of Solidarity with the people of Southern Africa" and will, in association with the Anti-Apartheid Movement, organise appropriate events each year to highlight the struggle for freedom in South Africa and Namibia.