



# Anti- Apartheid Movement

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Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
The Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

We write to express our anger and grave concern at the invasion by South Africa of Angola. We welcome the prompt action of HMG in summoning the South African Ambassador and calling for the withdrawal of the South African forces.

We are convinced, however, that such action alone will not deter the South African authorities and that more effective measures are required. We believe in particular that HMG should support the calls for the convening of the UN Security Council and the adoption of mandatory measures against South Africa, including economic sanctions.

This latest aggression by South Africa of Angola arises from the failure of the international community to achieve genuine independence for Namibia and in particular the refusal of the major western powers to apply effective pressure against South Africa in response to its persistent intransigence in blocking the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435.

We are deeply aware of the continuing support which Britain and other western countries are providing to the South African authorities. It allows Buccaneer aircraft to bomb Angola; it permits Plessey military radar systems to be supplied to the South African Defence Force and British oil companies to fuel the apartheid war machine.

We urge HMG, in the light of the latest developments to seriously review its policies towards Southern Africa, to abandon its collaboration with the apartheid regime and to genuinely act on the side of freedom for the people of Namibia and South Africa.

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