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“We are writing to seek your support for the **SWAPO Election Campaign Appeal**, which we are jointly sponsoring. As you may be aware, the implementation of the United Nations Plan for the independence of Namibia began on 1 April this year. Under the UN Plan Namibia's first ever democratic elections, under UN supervision and control, are to take place this November. A Constituent Assembly will be elected with a mandate to draft and adopt the Constitution for an independent Namibia.

The prospect of Namibia achieving its independence in 1990 is of profound importance, not just for the people of Namibia, but for the cause of peace and justice throughout the Southern African region as a whole. It is therefore of the utmost importance that nothing happens to sabotage the implementation of the UN Plan.

The success of the UN Plan depends, above all else, on the freedom for all democratic parties to participate fully in the electoral process. It is generally acknowledged that SWAPO has borne the brunt of the freedom struggle since its foundation in 1960. As a result, it has been the main target of South Africa's repressive policies in Namibia, with numerous of its leaders and activists having been imprisoned,

detailed or otherwise harassed. Whilst it is evident that SWAPO commands widespread support amongst the Namibian people, we fear that it will face the most serious obstacles if it is to participate freely in the elections.

This is why we have come together to sponsor this **SWAPO Election Campaign Appeal**. We believe that SWAPO deserves to receive the resources necessary to compete effectively in this November's election. Much will be at stake. The UN Plan requires that the new constitution for an independent Namibia commands the support of at least two-thirds of all those elected to the Constituent Assembly. This means that if Namibia is to be genuinely independent, then the parties which are committed to genuine independence have to win a two thirds majority at the polls. Experience tells us that huge resources will be available to the parties and alliances which are sponsored and favoured by the South African authorities. We can help ensure that justice is done by contributing as generously as possible to this Appeal. By sponsoring this Appeal we are not seeking to dictate to the people of Namibia their political future: we are seeking to guarantee that the UN Plan is effectively implemented and that Namibia secures genuine independence in 1990.

Thank you, ”

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In November 1989 the first ever democratic elections will take place in Namibia. The elections, for a Constituent Assembly to draw up the independence Constitution for Namibia, will be under UN supervision and control.

SWAPO is the major party competing in these elections which is committed to the adoption of a Constitution for a genuinely independent Namibia based on the principles of self-determination and non-alignment.

SWAPO's needs during the period up to the November elections will be immense. It will have to provide for the return of tens of thousands of refugees under its care who had previously fled from South Africa's illegal occupation. At the same time, it will be preparing to conduct its first ever election campaign. Funds raised by this Appeal will be spent solely on SWAPO's election campaign.

Items for which funds will be raised include:

- election leaflets and posters
- transport for candidates to visit rural areas
- campaign accommodation
- campaign publicity material, i.e. stickers, badges etc
- organization of election meetings and rallies
- advertising

DONATION FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

I/we have pleasure in enclosing a donation of £ _____ towards the **SWAPO Election Campaign Appeal** (cheques payable to **SWAPO Election Campaign Appeal**)

Visa/Access donations: _____

- Please place a tick in the box if you require an acknowledgement.
- I/we would like to be placed on the mailing list of the Namibia Emergency Campaign being co-ordinated by the **Anti-Apartheid Movement** and the **Namibia Support Committee** during the period up to Namibia's independence.
- I/we would like an order form for the **SWAPO Election Campaign Appeal** material.



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NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE TIMETABLE

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| April 1
1989 | ● Implementation of the UN Plan commences with arrival of UN Secretary General's Special Representative and the UN Transition Assistance Group |
| April 14 | ● De-Militarization Zone (DMZ) on northern border to be in force |
| May 12 | ● Return of refugees to commence — South African troops to be reduced to 12,000, all in bases |
| June 2 | ● All political prisoners and detainees to be free — South African troops down to 8,000 |
| June 23 | ● South African troops reduced to 1,500 in two bases |
| July 1 | ● Election campaign begins |
| Early Nov | ● Elections to Constituent Assembly — UN Secretary-General's Special Representative to certify results |
| Mid Nov | ● All South African troops withdraw and Constituent Assembly starts meeting |
| 1990 | ● New constitution enacted — and Namibia achieves independence |