

ACT NOW FOR COMMONWEALTH SANCTIONS!

The Anti-Apartheid Movement is calling on all its supporters to mobilise in support of an effective package of Commonwealth sanctions. Act now in support of our programme of activities!

VIGIL FOR SANCTIONS: Mobilise now for the Mass Vigil of Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1, from **10.00am on Sunday 3rd August to 5pm Tuesday 5th August**, the duration of the Summit. Details from AAM HQ.

During the course of the Vigil participants will be asked to lay a flower on a symbolic coffin in memory of the victims of apartheid.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION: Sign the Anti-Apartheid Movement's **Emergency Declaration for Sanctions** to be handed in to the Summit. Copies available from AAM HQ.

BOYCOTT DAY OF ACTION: **Saturday 2nd August** has been designated a National Day of Action. Protest at your local supermarket if it sells products of apartheid.

TRADE UNION ACTION: The AAM and its Trade Union Committee have called on all trade unionists to refrain from handling any products originating from, or destined for South Africa and Namibia during the three days of the Summit.

FREEDOM FAIR: During the Commonwealth Summit there will be a Freedom Fair at St James Church, Piccadilly, where there will be stalls, exhibitions, displays etc on the freedom struggle in Southern Africa.

SERVICE FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: There will be a multi-faith act of prayer and dedication on **3rd August** at **9.15am** at St James Church, Piccadilly, followed by a procession to the Vigil for Sanctions.

COMMONWEALTH ACTION FOR FREEDOM: There will be a meeting on this theme on the eve of the Summit. Entry by ticket. Details available from AAM HQ.

LOBBY PARLIAMENT: Write to Mrs Thatcher, 10 Downing Street, London SW1, and to your local MP, calling for an effective package of Commonwealth sanctions and support for mandatory UN sanctions.

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JOIN THE ACTION!**

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The most crucial summit in the history of the Commonwealth is taking place in London, 3rd-5th August. There will only be one real item on the Summit's agenda — will the Commonwealth agree to an effective package of sanctions against South Africa?

The answer rests with Mrs Thatcher. Last October in the Bahamas Mrs Thatcher, alone among Commonwealth leaders, blocked the adoption of effective sanctions. Instead, the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons was sent out to South Africa to find out if the basis existed for negotiations between leaders of the Black majority and the apartheid regime. The Group reported this June and concluded:

"while the South African government claims to be ready to negotiate, it is in truth not yet prepared to negotiate fundamental change, nor to countenance the creation of genuine democratic structures, nor to face the prospect of the end of white domination and white power in the foreseeable future." But they also went further and recognised the need for *"concerted action of an effective kind against the Pretoria regime"*.

Mrs Thatcher has all but rejected the Commonwealth Group's report. At the end of June she again personally blocked sanctions when EEC countries sought to impose Europe-wide sanctions and, as a kick in the teeth to the Commonwealth, sent Sir Geoffrey Howe off to Southern Africa, purportedly to try and promote the very negotiations on which the Commonwealth had just reported failure. In reality this was just another delaying exercise designed to protect the apartheid regime from effective international action.

Mrs Thatcher has arrogantly assumed the mantle of the apartheid regime's best friend. She now claims that sanctions are immoral. But what of the morality of those who profit from apartheid, including many Tory MPs? And what of the morality of those who have refused to cut the lifeline of British collaboration with apartheid which has enabled the regime to survive for decades?

Action to end British collaboration with apartheid is long overdue. Britain will soon begin to pay a price for its refusal to act as African and other countries take retaliatory action against Britain. Now is the time to compel the British government to implement sanctions.

Now is also the time for **"People's Sanctions"**. The people of Britain have the power in their own hands to isolate the apartheid regime. **Boycott all products of apartheid! Refuse to work on goods being imported from or exported to South Africa and Namibia! Boycott Barclays! Disinvest from companies with subsidiaries in South Africa and Namibia! Support the sporting and cultural boycotts!**

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