

PROPOSED PRINCIPLES OF UNITY  
FOR SEATTLE COALITION AGAINST APARTHEID

1. We condemn the system of apartheid and white minority rule in South Africa. South Africa is one of the most racist and undemocratic countries in the world. We support the struggle of the Black majority and of the so-called coloured and Asian racial groups in South Africa in their struggle to dismantle completely the system of apartheid in order to achieve their freedom.
2. We oppose the policy of constructive engagement being pursued by the U.S. government. We also oppose U.S. corporate investment, bank loans, and trade with South Africa. We support a full economic, political, diplomatic, military, and cultural boycott of South Africa until the system of apartheid is completely dismantled.
3. We oppose South Africa's illegal occupation of the sovereign nation of Namibia. We support United Nations resolution #435 which calls upon South Africa to withdraw from Namibia. We further oppose South Africa military and economic attacks on neighboring frontline states, particularly Angola, Mozambique, and Botswana.

STRATEGY

The Coalition should develop a plan for implementing the points of unity over at least the next six months. Here are some initial opinions about the focus and strategy and tactics for the Coalition:

1. Continue to focus on the demand to shut down the consulate. Build toward a major demonstration on January 20, Inauguration Day, with mass civil disobedience.
2. Organize lobbying efforts and mobilization to hearings around the various pieces of divestment legislation in the state legislature, the city council, and the county council, and the U.S. Congress. Explore ways to pressure the University of Washington and other educational institutions to divest.
3. Sponsor educational events on South Africa which would include films, slideshows, speakers, cultural presentations, etc. In particular, the Coalition should sponsor a major event on March 21, 1985, the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre, a major turning point in the struggle in South Africa. Other significant dates are June 16, Soweto Day; August 9, South African Women's Day, September 12, anniversary of the murder of Steven Biko.
4. Concrete demands/slogans:
  - Remove the South African Consulate
  - End Apartheid
  - Break the U.S. Engagement with South Africa