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**ANTI-APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COMMENDS NEW YORK CITY STUDENT GROUP
FOR HOLDING TWO-WEEK EVENT IN SUPPORT OF AFRICA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS**

The following statement was issued today by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, Yusuff Maitama-Sule (Nigeria):

The Special Committee has learnt with great satisfaction that the New York City Student Coalition for the Liberation of Southern Africa is organizing "Two Weeks of Action in Support of Southern Africa Liberation Movements" from 20 March to 3 April 1982.

The Special Committee attaches great importance to student and youth action in solidarity with the heroic struggle of the students and the oppressed people of South Africa and Namibia. It was particularly encouraged by the campaign in the United States universities and colleges for divestment from transnational corporations involved in South Africa and for support to the national liberation movements of South Africa and Namibia.

The Special Committee welcomes the efforts for the intensification, development and greater co-ordination of the student campaign in the United States as most timely. The recent and current efforts by powerful interests to develop closer relations with the racist regime of South Africa in the political, economic, military and other fields represent a most alarming and dangerous phenomenon. These moves are in direct contravention of United Nations resolutions and in defiance of the appeals of African, non-aligned and other States.

The Pretoria regime is a terrorist regime which is engaged in massive violence against the people of South Africa and Namibia and in incessant criminal attacks against independent African States. Any support to that regime constitutes collusion in its crimes.

The oppressed people of South Africa and Namibia and their national liberation movements, as well as the front-line States, deserve the full support of the international community in this crucial and difficult stage in the struggle for emancipation of Africa. The Special Committee has therefore noted with satisfaction that the International Youth and Students Conference in Solidarity with the Peoples, Youth and Students of Southern Africa, held in Luanda, People's Republic of Angola, in November 1981, called for the

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intensification of political and material support for the national liberation movements, for wider solidarity with the front-line States and for effective action for the total and complete isolation and elimination of the racist South African regime.

The solidarity of the youth of the United States with the schoolchildren who are sacrificing their precious lives for freedom and equality in South Africa, and with all the oppressed people of the country, and their efforts towards a cessation of all collaboration by the United States with the racist regime in Pretoria, could be a major contribution to the observance of the International Year of Mobilization for Sanctions against South Africa.

I hope that the "Two Weeks of Action" will obtain the widest support in the student community and will promote more effective action in solidarity with the just struggle of the oppressed people of South Africa and Namibia.

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