

Statement of Purpose

The University of Michigan FSACC is a multi-racial and multi-ethnic campus-based group of faculty and students committed to opposing the brutal system of Apartheid in South Africa. We came together in the Spring of 1985, partly in response to the escalation of the struggle for freedom in South Africa and the increased repression by the Apartheid regime. We have also been inspired by the recent upsurge in anti-Apartheid activities on campuses across this country.

Our long term goal is to contribute in any way we can to the liberation movement in South Africa. As students and scholars we feel there are two main ways we can do this. First, by aiding other groups and individuals in producing literature and sponsoring events to educate people about the crimes of Apartheid and the ways in which the American government, American corporations and our own university support that system. Second, by pressuring the institutions which we are affiliated to sever all economic ties with corporations doing business in South Africa and thereby adding strength to the worldwide movement to isolate the racist Apartheid regime; a regime the United Nations has declared a "crime against humanity."

Principles of Unity

1. As citizens and residents of the United States we condemn President Reagan's policy of so-called constructive engagement as being a destructive force in the lives and future of the majority of the South African people.
2. We support wholeheartedly the struggle for freedom in South Africa, being led by the African National Congress, and applaud the courage and determination of the South African people in their fight against the brutal Apartheid regime.
3. As members of the academic community, we see no moral justification for the University of Michigan or any other "ethical institution" to lend support and credibility to the Apartheid system by investing in companies that do business there. We support full divestiture of all South Africa-related stocks.
4. We feel that in order to build an effective anti-Apartheid movement in this country it is crucial to link our opposition to racism in South Africa to the rising racism in this country. A first step toward this end is to guarantee the multi-racial and racially egalitarian nature of our own movement. Thus, a key priority for us is that the membership and leadership of our group be multi-racial.
5. Although opposing Apartheid is our focus, we also recognize the overall inconsistencies in current American foreign policy which clearly does not reflect a genuine concern for human rights or real democracy. We are outraged by the Reagan administration's harsh policies toward Nicaragua in contrast to the friendly relations it maintains with the dictators of South Africa.

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