



Glasgow against Apartheid



The City's Declaration



The apartheid state of South Africa is one where radical discrimination is institutionalised and where the majority of the population, 70 per cent, are denied their civil rights and given no democratic voice in the running of their country.

This is done to preserve the privileges of the white minority and, more significantly, to maintain the massive profits of the business community through a system of cheap migrant labour, backed up by pass laws (restrictions on free movement) and the State's security forces.

It is a hated and oppressive regime that has been condemned around the world. Now within South Africa itself there is a growing revolt.

Against this background, Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, and imprisoned in South Africa, was made a freeman of Glasgow and in March 1985 Glasgow District Council adopted the Declaration on Apartheid printed here.

The Council's actions are part of the world-wide protest against this evil and will assist the South African people to bring apartheid to an end. Our citizens can be proud that our voice has been raised and is being heard.

Declaration



Glasgow District Council declares its abhorrence of the racist regime in South Africa and its illegal occupation of Namibia. Council believes that the Apartheid system in South Africa, based on the economic and social repression of the majority of the population, is an affront to human dignity and a threat to world peace and racial harmony.

In accordance with those views, the Council will, within the limits of its legal powers, campaign to end all links between the Council and the Apartheid regime in South Africa, utilising all social, political, economic and legal measures that are at its disposal.

In particular it will, whenever possible and appropriate, having regard to the Council's legal powers and duties, pursue vigilant practices to—

- (a) cease the purchase of any goods originating from South Africa and Namibia and pursue this policy in any purchasing groups in which the Council is involved,**
- (b) seek to withdraw all investments held by the Council in companies with South African interests or companies with investments in South Africa and Namibia,**
- (c) ensure that the Council is not officially represented at any function attended by representatives of the South African Government or any organisation supporting that government,**
- (d) seek to develop better links, economic and cultural, with other African countries,**
- (e) withhold the use of Council facilities for any sporting or cultural events which involve the participation of South African organisations, or individuals from South Africa or the United Nations blacklist, who are not prepared to publicly disavow Apartheid,**
- (f) discourage the use of Council property or sites in respect of the advertisement of South African products,**
- (g) ensure that South African Government propaganda is not made available in libraries or public offices,**
- (h) encourage the provision within the library system of materials reflecting the real nature of South African society and promoting a wider understanding of Africa as a whole,**
- (i) promote anti-Apartheid publicity through libraries, exhibitions and use of the Council's "Bulletin",**
- (j) give active support to movements opposing Apartheid, both locally and also in respect of South Africa itself, developing links wherever possible,**
- (k) take whatever sanctions possible against local organisations and groups actively supporting links with the South African Government or South African organisations, e.g. refusing grant applications, etc., and**
- (l) encourage discussion of the Council's policy within the community and also within the Council workforce in order to promote greater understanding of the Council's position and the nature of Apartheid.**





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