

NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435 IN NAMIBIA. IT WILL BE FOR HIM AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE ALONE TO JUDGE WHETHER THE ELECTIONS ARE FULLY FREE AND FAIR. IT WILL NOT BE FOR ANY OTHER GROUP OR BODY TO PRONOUNCE ON THIS OR ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY OR VARY IN ANY RESPECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN. AT THE SAME TIME, BRITAIN IS READY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AS WELL AS, IF ASKED, MILITARY TRAINING FOR NAMIBIA'S ARMED FORCES AFTER INDEPENDENCE AS WE HAVE DONE FOR ZIMBABWE, MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

BRITAIN BELIEVES THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SHOW THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION, WHETHER IT BE IN NAMIBIA, IN ANGOLA OR IN MOZAMBIQUE. WHILE THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF MUST BE FOR THE PEOPLE - ALL THE PEOPLE - OF THAT COUNTRY TO DECIDE, BRITAIN WANTS TO SEE THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE RE-DOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT PEACEFUL CHANGE AND ENABLE THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA TO INHERIT A STRONG ECONOMY. THIS WILL MORE LIKELY BE ACHIEVED BY THE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS SET OUT IN THIS STATEMENT THAN BY TIGHTENING SANCTIONS AND THE IMPOSITION OF NEW PUNITIVE MEASURES AS PROPOSED BY THE REST OF THE COMMONWEALTH.