

In the context of the intensification of repression in South Africa under the State of Emergency, the Committee recognized the importance of maximum exposure of the realities in the country and the need for effective responses to the draconian censorship that has been imposed. It began the exploration of ways in which the truth of what is happening in South Africa can be conveyed to the international community. Within the next few months, Canada will propose to the Committee a detailed strategy to combat South Africa's censorship and propaganda.

As part of the world-wide efforts to promote actions against apartheid, the Committee welcomed the decision to convene a Conference of World Parliamentarians later this year, as conveyed by the Chairman of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid.

On 1 February the Committee conveyed to the South African Foreign Minister its deep concern at the recent confirmation of death sentences on the 'Sharpeville Six'. The Committee expressed the hope that even at this late hour the Government of South Africa would heed their humanitarian appeal.

(iv) Namibia

The Committee reaffirmed its strong support for Namibian independence as called for in Security Council Resolution 435. It rejected once again linkage between Namibia and the developments in Angola. The Committee agreed to increase its efforts to bring the plight of the Namibian people and South African aggression to the attention of the international community.

(v) Further Action

The Committee considered a possible programme of meetings up to the next Meetings of Heads of Government in Kuala Lumpur in 1989. It recognised however that its work may be pursued in a variety of ways including contacts with other governments and facilitating opportunities for focusing world attention on apartheid.

In between meetings, continuity in the work of the Committee will be maintained through liaison in London by a Committee of eight High Commissioners under the chairmanship of Canada's High Commissioner, Mr. Roy McMurtry, in close consultation with the Secretariat.

The Committee agreed that its next formal meeting will be held in Canada in July 1988.