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The Yugoslav Government is gravely concerned over the flagrant violation of international law, the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the South African authorities in bringing to trial and sentencing a group of South West Africans in Pretoria. Since Yugoslavia does not maintain relations with South Africa it has not been able to use its influence with the Government of South Africa in order to obtain the latter's compliance with the provisions of operative paragraph 2 of resolution 2324 (XXII).

In expressing its indignation over the illegal arrest, trial and sentencing of the group of South West Africans in Pretoria, the Federal Conference of the Socialist Alliance of Working People of Yugoslavia, representing the views of political and social organizations of Yugoslavia, issued a statement condemning the trial and requesting an immediate release of the South West Africans. The statement reads as follows:

"The Yugoslav public opinion has received with indignation the news about the trial of the group of South West Africans, members of the national liberation movement, the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO), staged by the Government of South Africa. The arrest and trial of the group of South West Africans has taken place under the so-called Terrorism Act enacted by the Government of South Africa after the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly resolution terminating the mandate of South Africa over this Territory.

"This brutal act of the Government of South Africa is in flagrant violation of international law and is causing harm to persons who do not come under the jurisdiction of South Africa. The Government of South Africa has violated the international status of this Territory and rebuffed yet another United Nations resolution and, in a flagrant and cynic manner, is once again challenging freedom-loving and world democratic public opinion and the United Nations. The trial itself is a part of a persistent policy of physical annihilation of the national liberation movement and, in particular, of the South West African People's Organisation, which is waging a struggle for national independence.

"The Socialist Alliance of Working People of Yugoslavia and the social and political organizations of Yugoslavia most resolutely condemn this barbaric act of the Pretoria Government and demand an immediate and unconditional release and repatriation of the sentenced South West Africans.

"The Socialist Alliance of Working People of Yugoslavia extends, on this occasion also, its full support to the South West African People's Organisation, to all courageous and deprived persons who are fighting to preserve the dignity, freedom and independence of South West Africa."
