

SACBC STATEMENT
ON THE
NAMIBIAN CHURCH (27/8/81)

An extraordinary Plenary Session of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference met especially invited Namibian Church representatives. While in session the disturbing information was received that war on the Namibian border had escalated with another incursion into Angola by South African troops.

“Having learnt of the Namibian churches' involvement in trying to bring about justice and peace and reconciliation, the Southern African Bishops' Conference wishes to assure the Namibian people that it gives full support to their hopes and aspirations to become an independent nation. The Conference agrees that this should come about by a ceasefire and the holding of free and fair elections as envisaged in United Nations' Resolution No. 435, which has been accepted by all the parties involved.

“Out of its deep desire for solidarity with the Churches in Namibia, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference intends to study and observe closely the situation in Namibia and to seek ways of closer cooperation with those churches.”