

## **SACBC SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS AGAINST CONSCRIPTION (8/2/89)**

“We have heard the cry of many mothers for Alternative National Service – a cry that from our own experience we know reflects the deep feelings of many thousands like them.

“These mothers have the support of the Catholic Church. We have urged the government on many previous occasions to abandon the system of military conscription. Service to one’s country need not be of a military nature.

“As a consequence of this system our country has lost and continues to lose many young people to other countries and many young men to prison. These are people with moral stature. We mourn and protest with their mothers for those who have made this courageous stand. We stand alongside them in their call for genuine alternative service.”