

PRESS STATEMENT BY NEW UNITY MOVEMENT ON THE DEATH OF SAMORA MACHEL

"The New Unity Movement joins all sectors of the democratic movement in South Africa in mourning the death in tragic circumstances of President Samora Machel, one of the founders of the independent Peoples' Republic of Mozambique. We extend to his widow and her family, to the families of other crash victims and to the people of Mozambique our very sincere condolences in their shattering loss.

We recall with respect Samora Machel's messages in 1974 and 1975 to the newly independent Mozambique. The aggression heaped upon Mozambique by militarists in Southern Africa, their armed support for the MNR (Renamo) political gangsters bent on destroying the Mozambique Peoples' Republic and the betrayal of Samora Machel's abiding good faith by those who concluded with him the "Nkomati Accord" have deepened the tragic circumstances of President Machel's death.

The democratic world community must still satisfy itself that Samora Machel's death does not follow the trail that led to the sudden deaths of liberation fighters Patrice Lumumba, Eduardo Mondlane, Abram Tiro, Ruth First, Rick Turner, Matthew Goniwe and others.

The history of the struggles of the people of Mozambique and the contribution of Samora Machel to that struggle will always form a source of inspiration and insights for those committed to the struggle to free Southern Africa from the yoke of oppression and exploitation by foreign powers."

The New Unity Movement has sent to the government of Mozambique the following cable: "Untimely death of President Machel a shocking tragedy. New Unity Movement extends sincere condolences to Mrs Machel and family and Mozambique people. A Luta Continua."

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