

# From the Executive Director

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**1**987 ended on a very exciting note when we received an invitation from Harvard University to send two members of our staff to be part of a three-week course on "Conflict Resolution" during January 1988. We had hoped that Pro Jack would be one of those attending, but unfortunately his passport application was turned down. Thaabit Albertus of our Western Cape office and Keith Wattrus of our Port Elizabeth office left early in the new year and will share their experiences with us over the next few weeks.

## State Clampdown on People's Organisations

It is with shock and trepidation that we witness the drastic and draconian measures meted out to the leaders and workers related to 17 organisations, and the organisations themselves, which include the UDF, COSATU, DPSC and AZAPO. The restrictions

wards stability, peaceful co-existence and good neighbourliness.

In the wake of this high handed State action, the Executive Director of IDASA, Dr A. Boraine, has issued the following statement from London:-

mitted to repression and co-option and a totally ruthless attitude towards dissent of any kind.

The banning of these organisations comes almost as no surprise. The state has made it clear for a long time that it will brook no opposition from organisations and

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