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STATEMENT OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT ON THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE WALVIS BAY 21 FEBRUARY 1991

The Walvis Bay is historically part of Namibia.Just as much as the Pretoria Regime hold no legitimate claim to Namibia which it had occupied and ruled in defiance of the World Court ruling of 1970 and the wishes of the people of Namibia expressed by means of a plebiscite, it equally has no claim to any part of the Namibian Territory including Walvis Bay.

Therefore the continued refusal by Pretoria to return Walvis Bay to its rightful owners the Namibians, is an act of aggression against an independent state. Accordingly, the UDF urges the South African regime to return Walvis Bay to the Namibian Government forthwith and unconditionally.

Should Pretoria fail to do so now, the future democratic government of South Africa should put the return of Walvis Bay as a top priority in its agenda of international relations. Indeed the African National Congress has a matter of policy stated its intention to return Walvis Bay to its rightful owners should it came to power.

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