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Dear Premier Dam,

The United Nations Council for Namibia views with concern the planned activities of certain Faroe Islands fishing companies in the territory of Namibia.

These commercial activities are in violation of the resolutions of the United Nations and of Decree No. 1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia which was promulgated by the member United Nations Council for Namibia in September 1974 in its capacity as the legal administering authority for the territory until independence. The Government of Faroe Islands is hereby urged to restrain these companies from their ill-timed activities in Namibia.

Reference is also made to the negotiations currently underway for the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) which would lead to the independence of Namibia. These talks are held between Angola, Cuba and South Africa with the United States as mediator. The target date for beginning of the implementation is November 1, 1988.

The member nations of the United Nations Council for Namibia are the following:

Algeria, Angola, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Turkey, USSR, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, and Zambia.

Sincerely yours,

Bernt Carlsson
United Nations Commissioner for Namibia

Premier
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TO: THE PRIME MINISTER AND PEOPLE OF THE FAROE ISLANDS
FROM: THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NAMIBIA

The sixth ordinary General Meeting of the Council of Churches in Namibia, meeting at Ongwediva in northern Namibia 19-23 October 1988, has received with shock and alarm the news that Faroe Islands fishing companies have been granted a quota and licence from the non-mandated and illegally imposed Interim Government to exploit fish resources from Namibian waters and have them processed in the South African-controlled enclave of Walvis Bay.

We view this as a blatant and aggressive denial of the provisions of the United Nations Decree No. 1 (Namibia) and we regard this action as criminal robbery of the people of our land. No starving Namibians ever get the fish so caught. They are canned and sold at inflated prices or else they are processed into fishmeal for use in agriculture.

Whatever the bosses may say, they themselves having visited the country and having been able to see the situation, should realise that their lies are an abomination. We appeal from this meeting to all fair-minded people in the Faroe Islands and in Denmark to resist with everything in their power this scandalous rape of our delicate fishing resources. We further caution that care should also be exercised when signing contracts with the Interim Government. Are they, or will they be, legal in the future? We ask that patience be exercised until there is a legitimate government before negotiating or signing contracts.

We congratulate the newspaper for having exposed this exploitation of the Namibian people. We salute them as friends of Namibia.

The Christians of Namibia are united in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are united in a desire for justice for all in our land. John 10: v 10 says "The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness".

Signed on behalf of the General Meeting by:
The President of the Council of Churches,
Bishop Hendrik Frederik
(Evangelical Lutheran Church in SWA/Namibia)
The General Secretary of the Council of Churches,
The Rev. Dr. Abisai Shejavali
(Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia)

The Council of Churches in Namibia is an ecumenical agency working on behalf of more than 70% of the population of the country.

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| African Methodist Episcopal Church | 12,000 members |
| Anglican Diocese of Namibia | 110,000 |
| Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia | 386,000 |
| Evangelical Lutheran Church in SWA/Namibia | 193,000 |
| Methodist Church of Southern Africa/Namibia | 8,000 |
| Roman Catholic Church | 220,000 |
| United Congregational Church of S.A./Namibia | 3,000 |
| Total: 7 Churches | 932,000 members |

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stýrið um at forða føroysku reiðarinum í teirra sum tað stendur »illa teimaða virksemi í Namibia«.

ST vísir eisini í skrivi sínum til landsstýrið á tær samráðingar um frælsi fyri Namibia, sum eru millum Angola, Cuba og Suðurafrika við USA sum semingsmanni.

Nu vita vit, at hjá Breckmann er ST ikk høgt í metum. Men tað kemst ikki uttan um, at ST, har øll lond í heiminum eru limir, ger eitt stórt friðarvarðveitandi og humanitert arbeiði. Tað kann tí aldri vera rætt ella gott fyri okkum, at øll hesi lond nú verða kunnað um, at vit føroyingar sum teir einastu bróta samtyktir ST.

Tað kann tí upp á longri sikt verða okkum til skaða, at tað hevur eydnast fólkaflokkinum við Óla Breckmann sum millummanni at lokka nakrar føroyskar hampamenn til Namibia og harvið at ganga móti øllum altjóðasamfelagnum.

## Mótmæli frá kirkjum og samkomum

At vit gera namibiska fólkinum nakað gagn og at talan er um menningarhjálp yvast øll stórliga í, tí nú um dagarnar fekk landsstýrið eitt mótmælisskriv afturat. Hesaferð frá namibiska kirkjuráðnum (The Council of Churches in Namibia), sum umfatar allar namibiskar kirkjur og samkomur. Tær standa allar nevndar í skrivinum.

Brævið, ið er undirritað av formanninum í kirkjuráðnum, Hendrik Frederik, biskupi frá evangelisk luthersku kirkjuni í Namibia og aðalskrivaranum Abisai Shejavali doktara eisini úr anglisku evangelisk lutherska kirkjuni er ógvuliga hvassorðað.

Teir siga í skrivinum, ið er stílað til Føroya løgmann og Føroya fólk, at teir á kirkjufundi tann 19.—23. oktober í Ongwediva í Norðurnamibia, at kirkjurnar eru vorðnar skelkaðar og uppskakaðar av tíðindunum um, at føroysk reiðarí hava útvegað sær kvotur og fiskiloyvi frá tí ólógligu stjórnini, ið ongan myndugleika hevur. Teir eru somuleiðis skelkaðir yvir, at hetta virksemið skal fara fram í Walvis Bay, ið er landspartur undir serstøkum suðurafrikanskum eftirliti.

Teir siga hetta víðari vera opinlýst og harðrent brot á ST samtykt nr. 1 um Namibia.

Teir meta hetta sum eyðræning av namibiskum fólki og landi og leggja afturat, at eingin svangur namibiari enn er mettaður á slíkan hátt. Tað tey føroysku umboðini, ið hava vitjað Namibia, hava sagt um viðurskiftini har, eru andstyggilig ósannindi.

Kirkjuráðið heitir síðani á allar ræðthugsandi føroyingar um at gera alt tað teir eru mentir fyri at steðga hesi eyðræning av teirra fiskatilfeingi.

Teir ávara eisini ímóti at gera avtalur við fyribilsstjórnina, tí óvist er um slíkir sáttmálar hava gildi undir tí frælsu stjórnini, ið brátt tekur við.

Teir biðja føroyingar geva tol og bíða við sáttmálum til ein lóglig stjórn hevur tikið við.

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PS: (Vit prenta skriv frá ST, shriv frá Namibiska kirkjuráðnum og greinar í danska blaðnum Information).


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