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A high level COSATU delegation comprising Jay Naidoo (General Secretary), Sydney Mufamadi (Assistant General Secretary), James Motlatsi (NUM President), and Alec Erwin (Education Secretary NUMSA), met with a senior delegation of NUNW (National Union of Namibian Workers) yesterday.

The delegation had extensive discussions about the current crisis in Namibia and about a programme for solidarity with NUNW.

The meeting noted that at a time when the Namibian people were celebrating their freedom from the colonial yoke of apartheid occupation, wholesale slaughter of people was taking place in Northern Namibia.

The meeting reiterated that the only foreign aggressors in Namibia were the colonial occupation forces from racist South Africa.

SWAPO is recognized by the vast majority of people in Namibia and the rest of the world as the authentic representative of the Namibian people. We therefore reject the attempt by illegitimate South African representatives and their erstwhile backers in Britain and the United States of America to lay the blame for the carnage in Northern Namibia at the doors of SWAPO.

COSATU together with the entire democratic movement in South Africa reiterates its full support for SWAPO and the NUNW in their struggle for self-determination and independence. We call upon particularly those forces which are monitoring this process to act effectively and impartially and not to collaborate further with those forces which have illegally occupied Namibia for decades. The meeting discussed the illegal regime's plans to privatise the public services in Namibia. It was decided to take united action to stop this process.

COSATU has pledged solidarity with NUNW in a number of areas. These pledges will be taken back to the respective South African mass organizations for ratification and implementation. We believe that the freedom of Namibia will be a solid blow to apartheid and will advance the cause of permanent peace in Southern Africa as a whole.      ☆