

VIII. UNITED STATES POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The United States record in the United Nations under the Reagan Administration graphically illustrates the general unwillingness of the Administration to censor South Africa. On the 38 resolutions concerning South Africa voted in the General Assembly from 1981 to 1983, the United States failed to cast a single affirmative vote. It abstained five times, and voted "no" 33 times. During the same period, the United States abstained on every resolution concerning Namibia. In the Security Council, the United States has voted in favour of resolutions calling on South Africa to commute the death sentences of members of the ANC on trial in South Africa, condemning the mercenary attack on the Seychelles, and condemning South Africa for its aggressive act against Lesotho in December 1982, but it has consistently refused to vote for any resolution condemning South African aggression against Angola.