

Resolution on relations between the  
ILO and business firms

The Staff Union of the ILO, convened in its Annual General Meeting on 6 and 7 October 1981,

RECALLING that, according to its Constitution, the ILO has been established to achieve the objectives set out in the Preamble to that Constitution and in the Declaration of Philadelphia,

BEARING IN MIND, in particular, the decisions taken by the ILO condemning the policy of apartheid of South Africa,

REFERRING especially to the decisions of the International Labour Conference at its 67th Session reaffirming and bringing up to date ILO policy concerning apartheid in the Republic of South Africa,

CONSIDERING that the measures decided upon by the Conference impose obligations also on the International Labour Office in regard to its activities, including its commercial relations,

INVITES all staff members, in their individual dealings with business firms, to do everything they can to support the struggle against apartheid,

INSTRUCTS the Staff Union Committee to enter into discussions with the Director-General with a view to ensuring:

- (a) that account is taken, in the choice of enterprises with which the ILO maintains commercial relations, whether for the purchase of supplies or the rendering of services, of the recommendations addressed to governments and to employers' and workers' organisations by the International Labour Conference in June 1981;
- (b) that, in the light of this decision, he examines the measures which should be taken in regard to existing contracts.