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WHEREAS, although this victory is significant, apartheid has nevertheless left a terrible legacy in South and southern Africa;

WHEREAS, the World Council of Churches and the South African Council of Churches, meeting in Utrecht, Holland on June 12, 1993, stated that "Under the apartheid system, government and business systematically deformed the economy. Today South Africa has one of the most unequal distributions of income and wealth in the world; a shrinking economy in which only half of the work force can find formal employment; high costs, gross over concentration of ownership and markets, and corrupt management;"

WHEREAS, at Utrecht, the World Council of Churches and South African Council of Churches stated that "the sobering reality is that the correction of these structural distortions will require years of cooperation between the new democratic government, its partners in civil society and the international community;" and

WHEREAS, since General Synod Five in 1965, the United Church of Christ has consistently opposed apartheid, sought to aid those struggling to end this system, and voted in its General Synods Fifteen and Sixteen to support sanctions and divestment, vowing to maintain these pressures until "apartheid is abolished;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ will consider its sanctions and divestment campaigns to have come to an end once a Transitional Executive Council has been established in South Africa;

Sanctions and divestment policies on military and strategic materials will remain in effect at least until a democratic government is in place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ will continue to support the South African Council of Churches' efforts to secure multi-party control of the South African security forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, once there is a Transitional Executive Council, the United Church of Christ will:

- be in solidarity with the peoples of South Africa by supporting the building of a just, democratic, non-racist, non-sexist and sustainable South Africa;
- adhere to the World Council of Churches' and South African Council of Churches' "call for new investment and aid for the entire southern African region which will help meet this challenge" for democratic change;
- in the words of the World Council of Churches and South African Council of Churches, "encourage

businesses to share creatively and responsibly in the reconstruction process" of South Africa;

- support the South African Council of Churches' efforts to develop a code of conduct for domestic and international businesses with monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until the South African Council of Churches' code of conduct for investment has been developed, the United Church of Christ calls on all present and future investors in South Africa to use standards which call on all companies doing business in South Africa to: uphold workers' rights; recognize representative unions and the right to collectively bargain and strike; end all forms of racial, gender, political, religious and physical handicap discrimination; engage in environmentally responsible investment; invest in developing the productive capacities of all South Africans; uphold standards comparable to the best conditions in the relevant sector of the economy; and work toward the empowerment of African-owned businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UCC Divestment Implementation Committee be asked to monitor the unfolding situation in South Africa and to report the status of transition and change in South Africa at the Twentieth General Synod.

Subject to the availability of funds.

11. RESOLUTION "INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE AND THE NEED FOR CONVERSION OF ARMS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES"

Continuing the report of Committee Fourteen, Mr. Harter moved the adoption of the Resolution "International Arms Trade and the Need for Conversion of Arms Manufacturing Industries." Mr. Harter yielded to Stuart Wells (OH), who spoke in support of the resolution.

93-GS-59 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "International Arms Trade and the Need for Conversion of Arms Manufacturing Industries."

RESOLUTION "INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE AND THE NEED FOR CONVERSION OF ARMS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES"

WHEREAS, we are called to be peacemakers and given the image of beating our swords into plowshares;

WHEREAS, one of the greatest obstacles to peace in the world is the proliferation and trading of arms, \$860 billion dollars worth traded in 1991 alone, these arms thereby exacerbating local conflicts and historic animosities;

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WHEREAS, the United States has, for several years, been the foremost seller of arms in the world and in 1991, for example, the United States government authorized the sale of \$63 billion worth of weapons;

WHEREAS, the "Cold War" has ended, but the United States continues to spend in excess of \$100 billion a year in defense of places like western Europe and Japan, traditional strongholds against Soviet aggression;

WHEREAS, the conversion of existing arms manufacturing has been consistently resisted by the manufacturers and not encouraged by state and federal government bodies and officials;

WHEREAS, our country is in dire need of modernization of our infrastructure and diversification of our industries;

WHEREAS, parts of the United States economy successfully converted to peacetime production after World War II, some as a result of deliberate planning and encouragement by government; and

WHEREAS, this and other examples from history have shown that the conversion to peacetime manufacturing by existing weapons producers has been done and can be done without overall loss of jobs and need not be detrimental to local economies of trade balances;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nineteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ:

1. affirming our Biblical and historic belief in peacemaking and our vision of the Reign of God, goes on record as being opposed to the world arms trade and our nation's participation in it;
2. urges our government at all levels, being mindful of those whose lives will be affected by these changes, to proceed with due haste and imagination with a program for the conversion of existing weapons industries to the production of socially and environmentally responsible goods and services;
3. encourages individuals to join or form local grass-roots coalitions that are considering the ramifications and planning for diversification in local communities;
4. urges individuals, churches, Associations and Conferences to communicate this resolution to their governors and state legislatures for the sake of converting local defense industries to peaceful production.

12. RESOLUTION "INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"

Mr. Harter called the attention of the delegates to the third and final resolution considered by Committee Fourteen,

"Investing in Community Development." Mr. Harter moved the adoption of the resolution and yielded to Bonnie Baum (IOWA), who spoke to the resolution and explained the changes the committee made in the resolution.

There was discussion in favor of the resolution and there were some questions of clarification. Mr. Ordway asked for clarification on the make up of the Community Development Investment Task Force. It was determined that the task force is to be comprised of 14 members -- 7 from the United Church of Christ with expertise in community development and 7 total from the agencies named in the resolution.

A friendly amendment to include the Office for Church in Society in the first and second "Therefore Be It Resolved" paragraphs was proposed by Steve Patterson (IS) and accepted.

93-GS-60 VOTED: The Nineteenth General Synod adopts the Resolution "Investing in Community Development" as amended.

RESOLUTION "INVESTING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"

WHEREAS, the Gospel of Luke tells us that, "To whom much has been given, much will be required;"

WHEREAS, in the more than three hundred years that the United Church of Christ and its antecedent bodies have been in North America, substantial assets have been accumulated;

WHEREAS, we have a tradition of using our material resources for the good of our communities here and abroad;

WHEREAS, previous General Synods have affirmed the principle of socially responsible investing;

WHEREAS, General Synod Seventeen, meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, resolved that "national bodies, conferences, associations, and local churches be encouraged to invest no less than 1% of their investment assets by 1990, with a goal of adding 1% per year until reaching no less than 10%, with groups involved in homelessness and housing, and other social and economic development projects;" and

WHEREAS, the same General Synod Seventeen also resolved that each of the national bodies be called upon "to report to each subsequent General Synod and their Boards of Directors in Annual Reports their implementation of this resolution;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council, at its Fall, 1993, meeting, establish a Community Development Investment Task Force (CDITF) composed