

Shevardnadze expresses solidarity with African countries On the occasion of Africa Liberation Day the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 22nd May arranged a reception for the heads of diplomatic missions of African states in the Soviet Union, Eduard Shevardnadze and Anatoliy Dobrynin were present. Shevardnadze, who delivered brief greetings to those assembled, "expressed the Soviet people's invariable solidarity with the struggle of the African countries and peoples for freedom and independence, and against imperialism, colonialism and apartheid. The Soviet people angrily condemns the USA's barbaric act of aggression against Libya, the Pretoria racials' recent bandit attacks on Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana, and the armed invasion of Angolan territory. These terrorist actions of the RSA against neighbouring African countries are links in the chain of the imperialist policy of interference in the internal affairs of states that are not to their liking. Essentially, Pretoria is copying the acts and methods of its ally and patron across the ocean - the USA." (Tass in Russian for abroad 1738 and in English 2111 gmt 22 May 86)