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We don't see any reason why certain people have to be kept on in the Kavango. You keep saying pupils should not involve themselves in politics, but why do you then associate with Koevoet? You are also failing to maintain law and order in the region. We know that a good government does not maintain law and order by the barrel of a gun; not by detaining people without trial; not with teargas, and so on. A good government maintains law and order by addressing the demands of the society or oppressed, or at least by giving their grievances a fair hearing.

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Costs of 435

WHAT many Namibians have warned against for many years has now come to pass. As soon as the South African Government tells us of 'agreement' with regard to implementation of 435, we are informed that it will cost billions and the UN must now look for the money.

For years, all UN resolutions aimed at preserving the natural wealth of our country, have been ignored by South Africa and all those nations exploiting our natural resources. South African occupation of Namibia costs millions a day but no money is available for the implementation of the peace plan. Salaries of South Africa's proxies in Namibia have been increased time and again and for that, money was

available. And in all this, Namibians had no say, they only paid taxes.

While we are not overexcited at this point that the agenda for implementation will follow the time schedule that was indicated by the SA Foreign Minister, the time has come for Namibians to state their position with regard to who will foot the bill. Surely we cannot accept that our country has become a poor and underdeveloped and dependent country all of a sudden. Therefore we would like to make some suggestions to the UN Secretary General who will now be presented with the bill.

As a people who have remained self-reliant through the ages, we would not like to become international beggars at this point and would like to contribute towards the costs of implementation of UNSCR 435.

A few suggestions for Namibians to ponder:

☐ Namibia still has some resources therefore we propose that an independent commission be established immediately with complete insight into all transactions involving monies leaving this country, with immediate effect;

☐ that all export of Namibian natural resources be monitored by the UN and all resources accruing therefore, be put in a fund towards paying for implementation;

☐ that with immediate effect, all monies collected through sales tax be paid into the abovementioned fund;

☐ that the exorbitant salaries paid to SA proxies in Namibia be immediately stopped and that money be

put in the abovementioned account. We all know that the AG and the SA civil service runs Namibia and they should receive salaries from the colonial power according to international practice;

☐ that all these companies which, according to the Thirion Report, have been sending out natural resources illegally, or have paid less taxes than they should have, be compelled to pay the said amounts in the implementation fund;

☐ that all taxes paid by Namibians in order to fund second tier authorities, be channelled into the said fund.

Since the people of this country have never had a say in what happens to the funds collected through the means above, they should do so now. The six points mentioned above are only pointers. We realise there should be some control and therefore suggest that all those parties which have been in favour of the implementation of 435 now form a watchdog committee and take this issue up immediately. All Namibians know that the said parties are constituent members of the /Ai-//Gams group.

Namibians, the time has come for you to take up this challenge.

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