

PUBLIC GATHERINGS

Demonstrations in or near Court Buildings Prohibition Act 71 of 1982.

Summary: This Act prohibits demonstrations and gatherings within a five-hundred-metre radius of a building containing a courtroom, except on weekends and public holidays.

Applicability to SWA: The Security Matters Proclamation (AG 29/1985) made this Act applicable to South West Africa, with minor amendments.

Public Gatherings Proclamation, AG 23 of 1989.

Summary: This Proclamation requires advance notice to the police of all public gatherings and prohibits the carrying of weapons (*other than* concealed pistols or revolvers). It also gives the police powers to place conditions on gatherings and to disperse riots.

Regulations: See General Notice 143/1992 (GG 503), which refers to the Proclamation in connection with guidelines for the holding of elections.

Articles: Law Reform and Development Commission, *Report on Public Gatherings* (LRDC 14).

See also *Criminal Law Amendment Act 8 of 1953* (re: offences committed in the course of protests) (**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**).

See also Labour Act 11 of 2007 (section 76(2) re: picketing) (**LABOUR**).