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intensify our efforts aimed at pooling our strength in one united demo-
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trated its oombativeness ln the unprecedented number of strikee that wereâ\200\234i-â\201n
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waged. during the pastiyear.â\200\230 So that this militancy will not be dlsslpated. g
we should now strive toWards one uniOn fOr each industry.

The working class of our country hae demons~ _

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1985 falls on theeve of one of the mostimportant events in the history,
of the international labour movement, the declaration of May 1st ae
international labour day./PÂ§Â§ years ago the workers of the world resolved ..lr Ah
to set aside this day, May Day, to mark the international solidarity and
unity of the working Class and as an expression of the unity Offthe-
human familygyâ\200\230ln recognition of the bends that link the workers of South.
Africa with those of other lands, May'Day wasâ\200\234marked inia number of
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industrial centres throughout South Africa'dnring 1984. 'In awgl
show of international solidarity the black Mineworkers, who are amongstyvr'
the lowest paid and moet bitterly eXploited of-our7workersi"dipped into? ~
their evermlean pockets and made ma modest donation towards theretrike~ww
fund of the Britieh miners, Who are waging a life and death struggle t0â\200\234
save their jobs;
action on the part Of'dhn miners.' Solidarity isle two way street and we-r â\200\230
shall receive it in equal measure as we give it.

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We can and must find the means of harnessing the collective strength of
the working class not merely to improve the immediate economic condition l
of that class, but to oringI about democratic change.
voice to that of democratic trade unioniets who call for greater involve-
ment on the part of workers and their unions Wlthln various mass polltl0al

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We must press on With the task of mobilieing and organising our pe0ple=
wherever they are. Let there be a proliferation of mass organisationsgâ\200\234 â\200\230
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drawing in greater and greater numbers of the unorganised. CÂ\$:Â£,.._.)

with regard to the aetivisation of women is not yet completed.

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and studentsin a mass campaign for a demooratlç systemof education.

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The offensive against the enemyâ\200\230s organs of government and dummy instl~
tutions must'he extended to reach all corners of our country and

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At such moments, who among us did not feel the urgent need for us to talk to the enemy in the language he understands?â\200\231 Who has not seen that weâ\200\230

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too must take up arms as did our forebears, as did Bambata, Solomon Mahlangu, and Clifford Brwari, only last year!

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All we are saying therefore, Fellow Combatants, is that we have it within our means to give ourselves the capacity to hit back at the enemy, arms and ammunition but we, ourselves, will accomplish this task. We must

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all take it as a priority responsibility to build up the popular armed

forces, to transform the armed actions we have thus far carried out into a people's war by helping to root umkhonto We Sizwe firmly amongst the people and actively drawing the masses into the execution of a people's war.

We salute and pay tribute to the many heroes and heroines of our country who have laid down their lives in the struggle for liberation, both

We extend our greetings to the leaders

inside and outside our country. and activists of our democratic movement who, despite arrests, detention, and every form of persecution by the enemy, have stood firm and persisted in the common struggle to defeat and destroy the racist regime. more, we pledge our commitment to Our leaders incarcerated on Robben Island, Pollsmoor and other prisons, that we shall not rest until the cause for which they have sacrificed emerges triumphant.

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the moelburning national grievance. The Injustice of this historical crime has been compounded by the racist's arrogant attempt to deprive the African majority of their South African oil and energy, and the high salary of the military conquest.

in the rural areas, engaged as agricultural workers on farms;}. . .

of their ancestral homes, remain the legalised and organised. Their daily lives are dominated by the policies of the apartheid and Land Commissions against whom they have absolutely no legal redress. 'The absence or weakness of basic trade union organisations, has made them

the easy prey of the ruthless exploitation and brutalisation. We charge all our people to give its Special Alliance the mobilisation and organisation of our rural masses. . . Basing ourselves on the needs of the people and taking due account of the economic condition of the

existence, we must devise suitable organisational structures and mechanisms to reach our rural masses and provide them with the organisation and political tools to defend themselves against exploitation and to assert their rights. As we said last year, we must place the perspective of seizing the land from the dispossession in front of our rural masses and educate them to understand that this is a task that shall devolve primarily on themselves.

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Comrades,
In every single struggle that we waged in the past year, regardless of how peaceful they were, the enemy confronted us with its armed might,

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This task has become particularly urgent in theâ\200\230 ,

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l even greater burdens on our oppressed people.

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desert into a garden at Sun City!

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aspirations of the oppressed and.exploited, through their craft. A Atrf~.:gujaÃ@t
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the striking power6lâ\200\230 ourmovementzcu/kÃ@t Wtfâ\200\231aâ\200\231j WuyÃ@ M â\200

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The vital cutting edge of our mass offensive is Umkhonto We Sizwe, the

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people's army} To (render it) more effective, MK must deepen its roots in

and grow inextricably amongst the popular masses, _Only in this manner will it be possible to
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can the perspective of people's war be translated from an ideal into a

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forces that are training themselves in a mass political action for even

Guided by this perspective we must build up the mass combat

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popular force. Who are today involved in mass political actions.

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Our people have come to appreciate and eaÃze the consistent
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solidarity and support given by the socialist countries for our
struggle. we have no doubt that they will remain our close allies
till final victory.

Our ties with various governments, political parties and parliame-
ntary groups in western Europe and Australasia have grown stronger
and we look Ferward to closer relations and increased reduction of
apartheid institutions in these countries.

Deer Compatriets,

It is new 25 years since the illegitimate regime
in our country prescribed the organ of our people -
the African

National Congress. However through our relentless, daring and death
defying actions we have made the AND the household word in South
Africa. In recognition of this Fearless spirit and selfâ\200\224less
dedication of our people t0 the cause of our liberation, and in
order to spur our nation inti-â\201agreater onslaught On the enemy and
its institutions,

Mobilisation (The Year of the People ?). Let this year see the
we declare this year,1985, The Year of Mass
greatest mass political action in all provinces and districts of
our country. Let it see the Fastest and furthest possible
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coordinated advance on all fronts towards the goal of people's
power. The enemy cannot step us. Our future is in uur hands.

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Sons and Daughters of our Land,

In the past year we have achieved

new victories in the drive to isolate the apartheid regime and to win world-wide support for our struggle. We wish to pay tribute to all these who, in one form or another, have contributed to the advancement of our struggle.

We greet the fraternal people of Namibia and especially welcome among the fighting ranks of our sister movement, SNAFU, the new Secretary General of SNAFU, Comrade Herman Toiveje Teive and his colleagues, whom the apartheid regime was forced to release from long terms of imprisonment. Their release and continued involvement in struggle will bring closer the day of Freedom and independence of Namibia.

We pay tribute to the Frontline States and Lesotho for their prompt and principled action in defending our right of struggle and upholding the legitimacy and duty of Africa and the world to support our struggle.

We recognise the important contribution made by various international organisations, including the UAU, the United Nations and its Agencies - the Non-Aligned Movement, the World Peace Council, to mention but a few. They are largely responsible for ensuring that Apartheid remains at the centre of world attention as "a crime against humanity".

We congratulate our Palestinian brothers and sisters for successfully overcoming attempts to liquidate the Palestinian struggle. We support the call by the PLO for an international conference to give due international recognition to a sovereign Palestinian homeland.

We salute all people engaged in struggle for national liberation, especially in Jhaï, Shewi Arab Uemecretic Republic, El Salvador and East Timor. We pledge solidarity with all these struggling to defend their sovereignty, including the peoples of Southern Africa, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Afghanistan and Cyprus. We welcome the successes of the democratic forces particularly in Latin America and are confident that the fetters of the apartheid regime in the sub-continent will be totally eliminated.

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It is a matter of record that the scandalously high infant mortality rate

amongst black children; the death and deformation of our young as a result of

of malnutrition; the stunting of their growth through the use of child

labour; the warping of their intellectual development through

education.

Education are all directly attributable to the policies of the apartheid regime.

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South Africa is littered with the graves of young patriots who were

massacred by the apartheid regime in 1976 and in the subsequent years.

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This selfsame regime, which bears responsibility for these crimes, has

with great impudence decided to observe the International Year of Youth,

whose motto is:

Participation, Development and Peace! We call upon the

young

youth to take this year as their own and to use it as a means to advance

our own perspectives of youth participation in society, in development

and in the struggle for peace.

The gains we have scored in youth mobili-

sation and organisation already provide a basis for greater advances

toward the emergence of a society which will defend and promote the

genuine interests of our youth.

Comrades,

When we declared 1984 as The Year of the Women, we set ourselves certain

specific tasks to carry out in the course of the year.

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dealt with some of the outstanding achievements during this period.

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draw great inspiration from the advances we made in the task of organi~Â»"â\200\231

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sing our womenfolk into a powerful, united and active force for revolu-â\200\231â\200\235
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tionary change.

New democratic women's organisations have emerged.

Greater numbers of our womenfolk have been drawn into struggle.

Nevertheless we are still faced with the necessity of accomplishing
other tasks we set ourselves, particularly the Struggle for Unity within
the democratic trade union movement. During this 30th anniversary of

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the South African Congress of Trade Unions, let us mark the year with

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the consolidation of the gains we have thus far registered. We need to
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