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DEAR NELSON MANDELA

ON YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY WE ARE CLOSE TO YOU WITH ALL OUR FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE TO CONFIRM ONCE MORE OUR FULL COMMITMENT ON THE SIDE OF THE SOUTHAFRICAN PEOPLE FOR THE COUSE OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND AGAINST APARTHEID AND ANY FORM OF RACISM. YOUR NOBLE EXAMPLE, IN ALL THOSE YEARS OF ABOMINABLE DEPRIVATION OF FREEDOM, IS STILL AN OBLIGATORY POINT OF REFERENCE FOR EVERY DEMOCRATIC PERSON AND A GUIDE FOR THE STRUGGLE OF YOUR PEOPLE. WISHING YOU A NEXT BIRTHDAY IN FREEDOM, WE WANT TO RECONFIRM, AS ALWAYS IN THE PAST, OUR FULLEST AND WARMEST SOLIDARITY.

ON BEHALF OF MOLISV  
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THE PRESIDENT  
CLAUDIO BERNABUCCI

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DEAR NELSON MANDELA

THE ITALIAN NATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID COORDINATING COMMITTEE WHICH GROUPS TOGETHER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, THE TRADE UNIONS, RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS MANY NGO'S SENDS ITS WARMEST GREETINGS TO YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY. UNTIL A FEW YEARS AGO, WE MUST ADMIT, YOUR NAME, AND THOSE OF THE OTHER COMRADES OF ANC CONDEMNED TO LONG AND TERRIBLE TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT, WAS LITTLE KNOWN IN ITALY. NOW WE ARE PLEASED TO SAY, YOUR NAMES AS WELL AS THOSE OF WINNIE AND OF YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE KNOWN AND LOVED IN OUR COUNTRY TOO. MILLIONS OF ITALIANS SPEAK, WRITE AND SING OF YOU, AND THE GREETINGS WHICH WE SEND YOU FOR YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY, ALSO CONTAIN OUR WISH THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR YOU AND THESE IN PRISON WITH YOU, WILL BE FREED AND WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN AMONG YOUR PROPLE, AMONG YOUR FAMILY: A WISH DEEPLY FELT BY SO MANY ITALIANS, YOUNG AND OLD MEN AND WOMWN, WHO WANT YOUR FREEDOM TOGETHER WITH THAT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA IRRESPECTIVE OF COLOURS. WE KNOW THAT WE IN ITALY, TOGETHER WITH ALL THOSE IN THE WORLD INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID, AND FOR A FUTURE OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND PEACE FOR ALL, MUST WORK STILL HARD, DO MORE, TO ISOLATE THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME, RESPONSIBLE FOR SO MUCH EXPLOTATION OF THE GREAT MAJORITY, SO THAT A SMALL MINORITY CAN CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THEIR PRIVILEGES. TODAY, WHILE WE SEND YOU OUR SINCERE AND MOST AFFECTIONATE WISHES, WE WANT TO TELL YOU, CAMRADE MANDELA, THAT WE ARE INTENSIFYING OUR ACTIVITIES TO WEAKEN AND ISOLATE THE BOTHA GOVERNMENT, DEMOCRACY THA THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOWS MORE FORCE AND DETERMINATION IN SUPPORTING ANTI-APARTHEID POSITIONS, WITH VERY BEST WISHES AND GREETINGS TO YOU, TO YOUR FAMILY AND TO YOUR PEOPLE: TOGETHER WE SHALL GO FORWARD.

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