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The President
African National Congress(SA)
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Dear comrade President,

Enclosed herewith is the telegramme of His Excellency Comrade Mengistu Haile-Mariam on the offer of the Ethiopian Government, the text of which we communicated, by telex, to the President's Office on Sunday, 25th May, 1986.

Amandla! Matla!

A. Maghawe
Antonio Maghawe
Chief Representative

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TELEGRAMME

COMRADE OLIVER TAMBO

PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN

NATIONAL CONGRESS

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I AM ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING URGENT COMMUNICATION TO YOU WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION NOW OBTAINING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF
OUR CONTINENT AS A RESULT OF THE ESCALATION OF THE UNBRIDLED VIOLENCE BEING
METED OUT BY THE RACIST MINORITY REGIME IN PRETORIA STOP

AS YOU KNOW, THE POLICIES OF APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM BEING PURSUED
BY THE RACIST REGIME IN PRETORIA BOTH IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN NAMIBIA HAS
BECOME THE MOST SERIOUS AND URGENT ISSUE AFFECTING PEACE AND STABILITY
IN AFRICA STOP

RABID AND DESPERATE AS THEY ARE, THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS HAVE
ESCALATED THEIR SUBVERSION, AGGRESSION AND DESTABILIZATION AGAINST THE
NEIGHBOURING INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE LATEST
SOUTH AFRICAN RAIDS IN BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE STOP

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NEEDLESS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THESE CRIMINAL AND MURDEROUS ACTS BY THE RACISTS HAVE CONTINUED FOR SO LONG ONLY BECAUSE OF THE DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT GIVEN TO THEM BY THEIR IMPERIALIST ALLIES STOP AS THE RACIST REPRESSION HEIGHTENS, I FEEL IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL FREEDOM-LOVING AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES THE WORLD OVER TO RENDER CONCRETE SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION STOP

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT, CONSISTENT WITH HER FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF THE TOTAL ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM FROM AFRICA, SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA HAS DECIDED TO TRAIN, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, AND EQUIP TEN THOUSAND SOUTH AFRICAN AND NAMIBIAN PATRIOTS AS AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE BEING WAGED BY YOUR GALLANT PEOPLE STOP

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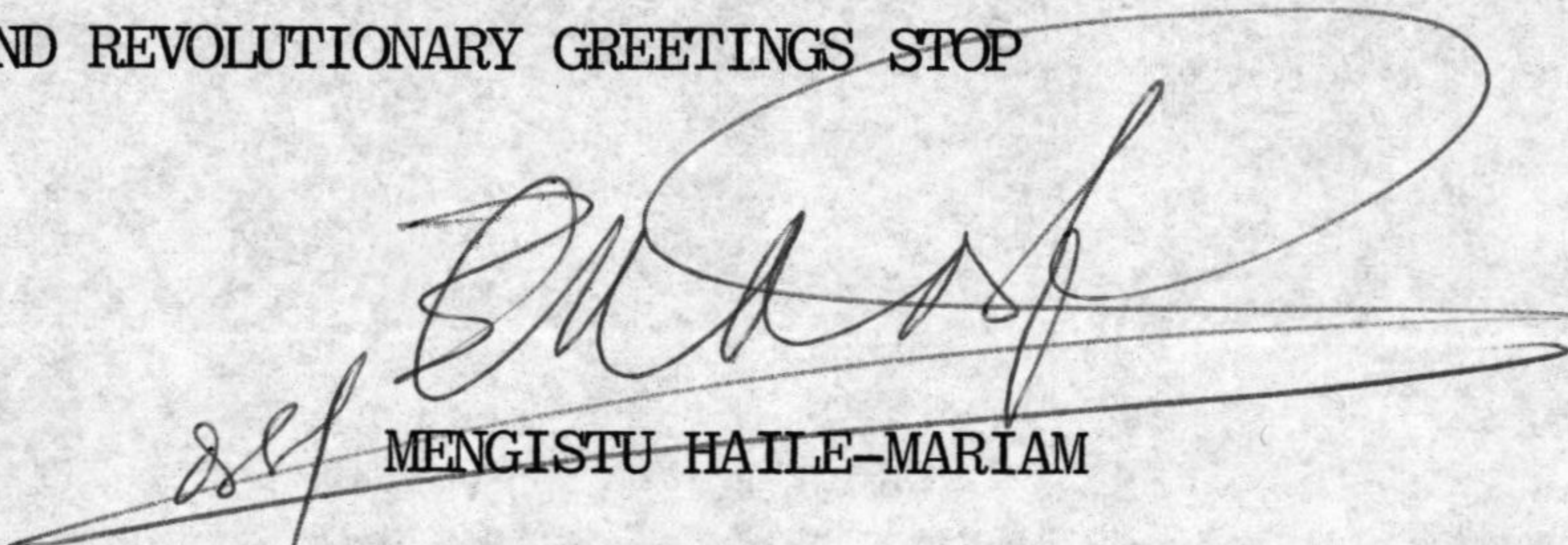
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IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME TO ADDIS ABABA
AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF OUR PROPOSAL STOP

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS STOP



MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF ETHIOPIA

CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY

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TO: CHIEF REP/A. MAQHAWE

FROM: PRESIDENT

KINDLY FORWARD THE FF. MESSAGE URGENTLY:

QUOTE

COMRADE CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF ETHIOPIA
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ETHIOPIA

YOUR LETTER, CABLED TO ME AND RECEIVED DURING MY ABSENCE
ON MAY 27, HAS REINFORCED OUR BELIEF THAT SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA
IS SECOND TO NONE IN HER COMMITMENT TO THE STRUGGLE FOR THE
TOTAL LIBERATION OF OUR CONTINENT.

YOUR OFFER IS AS TIMELY AS IT IS WELCOME TO THE BETTLING
MASSES IN SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA AND THE REST OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE CONFRONTING THE MOUNTING
VIOLENCE OF A DESPERATE AND DOOMED REGIME.

WE ARE KEEN TO TAKE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE OF
YOUR OFFER, COMRADE CHAIRMAN, AND IT IS MY PROPOSAL THAT,
PENDING MY DELAYED VISIT TO ETHIOPIA, I SEND A MILITARY
DELEGATION TO ARRIVE ADDIS JULY 2ND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DISCUSSING DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR PROPOSALS.
I TRUST YOU WILL FIND THIS ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY.

WITH REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS.

OLIVER TAMBO
PRESIDENT, ANC.

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