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Via facsimile 1991-05-20
The International Secretary
Congress of South African Trade Unions
National Acceptance House
Cnr Rissik & Anderson St.
Johannesburg 2001

re: Invitation of Ben o & Zenroren to Cosatu Congress

Dear Comrade Patrick Msizi,

Our Japan and East Asia Mission will like to congratulate you for having been given responsibility to look after the International interest of our working people. Knowing you, I have personally no doubt, that you will discharge your responsibility with diligence and with one and only one motive - that of furthering the interest of our working people.

Surely one of your task will be to help develop

' multilateral and bilateral relations with workers in many regions of the world, near and far. Maybe our region seems very far from your Desk, but hopefully you recall its importance and potential.

After arriving in Japan three years ago next month, I began,

as you might expect, contacting Unions to solicit support. Kommunal in Sweden help me with Municipal Unions in the region. Presently Unions accounts for about 60 percent plus of our office budget and salary for my three Japanese staff plus scholarship for my two children now in Japan. The potential for more support, political, moral and material exists.

In 1990, Cdes Gomomo and Jay Naidoo visited Japan. I will like to see the expansion of relations between Cosatu and Japanese and other East Asian Trade Unions expanding. Unions here want to know what concretely are Cosatu needs, especially, education, literacy campaigns, self-help projects, problems with Japanese, Taiwanese, Korean and Hong Kong Companies.

For now I want to strongly recommend that Cosatu invite a delegate from each of the following two Labour Centres in Japan to your forthcoming Congress.

1) The International Secretary

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2) The International Secretary

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Even if you have limited space for foreign guests, I hope inviting Japanese Unions will open a new chapter on Cosatu-Far East contact-initiative. We have to resolved what happened previously when some Japanese Unionists visited South Africa.

Also please fax the programme of your Congress.

We will discuss more in June, when I will be coming to ANC National Conference.

Sincerely Yours,

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ANC Chief Representative to Japan and East Asia