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5th November, 1989

The General Secretary
SACTU
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Dear Comrade John,

We received recently a copy of a letter addressed to our representation in Zimbabwe by the Foreign Ministry of the Republic complaining about the behaviour of the SACTU representative in Harare. We were indeed shocked by the contents of the letter.

We need hardly remind SACTU that due to certain historical reasons, the ANC has had to go through a lot of difficulties working for normalisation of our relations with the ruling Party of Zimbabwe ZANU (PF). It can be stated that although a lot of ground has been covered in this process, there is still a certain amount of sensitivity surrounding the smooth development of our relations. The sentiments expressed in paragraph four of the letter from the Ministry complaining about the behaviour of Comrade Mkwanazi can likely reverse the process of normalisation.

By this letter we are drawing the attention of SACTU to this matter and request that as far as possible there should be no repetition of the incidents complained of by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe.

Amandla!

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Chief Representative
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re: COSATU - SACTU MEETING : 1 - 2 NOVEMBER 1989

Your letter of 31 October, 1989 on the above subject refers.

1. Further to our discussion on the above subject it was not possible for the Ministry to clear the Meeting due to the late application. May I take this opportunity once again to reiterate that it is imperative that proposed meetings be forwarded to this Ministry for clearance well in advance.
2. Please note that the Government has dealings with the Office of the ANC. Cosatu has to come through the ANC Office and its members should not come to the Ministry posing as representatives of an independently recognised organisation.
3. I have to remind the Office that the granting of a visa by Immigration does not necessarily mean clearance for meetings. Your compliance with the clearance requirement is essential to avoid measures being taken which may affect free movement of people in and out.
4. The action by Cde Mkwanaenzi to instruct people from South Africa to proceed to Harare before the meeting was cleared and without visas against the Ministry's advice to postpone the meeting was an act of defiance. These people were visitors to Zimbabwe who if inconvenienced at the Airport get away with negative impressions that tarnish the image of Zimbabwe. It is hoped that in future officers in the Mission will observe regulations that guide our operations to avoid misunderstandings and confusion.

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for : SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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