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Dear Mr. Tambo,

For many years, and with increasing concern, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches has been following the developments in South Africa. On several occasions it condemned unequivocally the system of apartheid and gave its moral support to a struggle for a more just order of society. At its last General Council in Ottawa (1982), it reiterated this position and decided to suspend its two white south african member churches from the privileges of membership. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the statement which we adopted at that time ("Resolution on Racism and South Africa").

The events which have taken place in the course of the last years suggest that an exchange of views between the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the African National Congress might be of mutual benefit. I should therefore like to inquire whether an informal contact with you or other leaders of the African National Congress could be arranged in the near future. It would be much easier for the Alliance if the conversation could take place in Europe. I should therefore be grateful if you could let me know whether you have any travel plans within the next months.

The World Alliance of Reformed Churches is a group of 159 churches (Reformed, Presbyterian, Congregational, United) in about 80 countries.

At our last General Council, the Rev. Dr. Allan A. Boesak has become our President.

Yours sincerely,

Edmond Perret