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TO NELSON MANDELA FROM HIS SWEDISH FRIENDS

THE ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTEE AND THE AFRICA GROUPS OF SWEDEN CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY. WE WISH U YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE STAND FIRM IN OUR DEMANDS THAT YOU AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS SHALL BE RELEASED AND THAT THE ANC AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE UNBANNED.

THIS EVENING A SOLIDARITY MEETING WAS HELD IN STOCKHOLM TO MARK YOUR ANNIVERSARY. WE HAD BIRTHDAY CAKES AND SIGNED A GIANT GREETING CARD WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN DUE COURSE. SPEECHES WERE MADE AND FREEDOM SONGS SUNG. THE MEETING WAS ARRANGED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A CAMPAIGN CALLED 'TEAR DOWN THE PRISON OF APARTHEID' WHICH IS GOING ON IN SWEDEN UP TO THE END OF THIS YEAR. BEHIND THE CAMPAIGN ARE THE ABOVE MENTIONED ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SWEDISH YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, THE SWEDISH UN ASSOCIATION, THE SWEDISH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AND THE SWEDISH CHURCH MISSION..

AT THE MEETING TODAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS ADOPTED:

NELSON MANDELA, WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY AND EXPRESS OUR DEEP RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR THE STRUGGLE YOU AND YOUR COMPATRIOTS ARE WAGING. WE SUPPORT YOU ALL IN THE STRUGGLE FOR A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA AND WE WILL SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID AS LONG AS THIS TERRIBLE SYSTEM EXISTS. WE KNOW THAT OUR JOINT EFFORTS WILL FINALLY CRUSH APARTHEID .  
VICTORY IS CERTAIN. AMANDLA.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN 18TH JULY 1988  
PARTICIPANTS AT THE SOLIDARITY MEETING  
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THE ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTEE  
THE AFRICA GROUPS OF SWEDEN

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