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Release of Comrade Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

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The ANC Tokyo and East Asia office welcome the long awaited announcement for the release of Comrade Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Nelson Mandela have paid supreme sacrifice that included over-a-quater-of century imprisonment for his anti-apartheid believes and activity.

The announcement today of Mr. F.U. de Klerk for unconditional release of our leader, our hope comrade Nelson Mandela is welcome news indeed . Mr.de Klerk had no other alternative but to respect international appeals and demand to release him. ANC thanks the people of Japan and the rest of the world for their support to ANC for unconditional release of Mandela.

We hope his release will begin a process that will ultimately compel F.W. de Klerk and his regime to negotiate with the ANC, along the positions reflected in the OAU Declaration of August 21,1989 and U.N.special General Assembly resolution on South Africa adopted on 12-14 December 1989. The time for Apartheid is over. Time is for negotiation to turn South Africa into non-racial,non-sexist democracy for all, both black and white. Mandela will be a key player towards achieving that goal.

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