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Invitation to Conference
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The Standing Committee of NGOs with the EC has pleasure in inviting M3 sfzf'zjij'xf'gdfnff
representatives of your organization to participate in a conference about the t: '.,,...
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future EC policies on South(ern) Africa under the title: H :.....m... mu ..
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'CHANGING SOUTH AFRICA, CHALLENGE FOR EUROPE'
The international conference is planned to start in the course of the morning of Wednesdg
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Janggy and to hnish on Thursgy 23rd January 1992. it will be hosted at World Trade
Centre in the heart of Rotterdam. the Netherlands. i
We have pleasure in informing you that Mr. J. Pronk, Minister for Development Cooperation
of
the Netherlands and currerl chair of the EC Council of Ministers will present the key-add
the opening of the conference.
The international conference aims to create an opportunity for experts on South(ern) Afri
ca from
.the various European policy levels together with experts from South(ern) Africa to consi
options for Europe's future policies towards a post-apartheid South Africa in the regiona
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African context. Representatives from the EC Member States. the European Commission and t
European Parliament are invited to participate in this conference.
The changes in the Southern African region have created a new and exciting perspective fo
enhancing democracy and peace. and accelerating socioeconomic development in the region.
The challenges however are immense. Given the interdependencies in the region. balanced
poncies will be required to address the existing inequalities in South Africa and within
the region
as a whole. How can Europe effectively respond to these challenges?
Following geneiai introductions and debate Oh this subject. the conference will consider
four
specific topics in more detail, as specified in the attached programme. The recommendatio
ns of
the four working groups will be introduced and debated at the closing plenary session.
The conference is organized in oo-operation with the Dutch NGO's HCSA. NOV1B and HIVOS.
The international conference will be followed by a Dutch conference on Friday, January 24
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1992, at which working groups will discuss the support Dutch NGOs and institutions can gi
South Africa in transition. The international participants are weicome to take part in th
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section oi the conference as well.
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Upon acceptance of our invitation. for which we request you to return the attached subscr

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form,

we shall send you the conference documentation, including the details of hotel facilities and travel

connections (the conference location is easily accessible by train or plane).

Participation in the conference is free of charge. but participants are requested to cove r their own

accommodation expenses.

The Standing Committee of NGOs is grateful to you for giving this invitation your attenti on and

we shall be pleased to welcome your representatives at the conference.

With feelings of respect and sending you my very best regards, I . Your $^\prime$

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Brussels, December 4, 1991

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' I 1 group 4 Development strategies enhancing the process of democratization in
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" Please mark the working group of your choice.
I would like the information on hotel accomodation in Rotterdam : yes/no.
I would like to take part In the Dutch section of the conference on Friday. January 24th.
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