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We would like you to join us in making a positive contribution towards freedom and justice.

On 6th September 'elections' will be held in South Africa. Only the 14% of South Africa's whites will have the right to vote. They will decide amongst themselves who is to rule over ALL the people in the country and perpetuate the tyranny of apartheid. 30,000,000 South Africans are denied a vote simply because their skin is black. Their lives and futures will be controlled by a racist minority.

That day, the ANC is placing a full page advertisement in the national press, declaring total opposition to the apartheid election farce. Your support is crucial if the advert is to reach its maximum potential.

I invite you to sign that declaration. There is limited space on the page so we are approaching those we know are committed to the principle that all South Africans need democratic rights.

In South Africa, people are imprisoned for campaigning for democracy. Leaders of the genuinely democratic movement have been consistently imprisoned, many suffering detention without trial. Scores of people's organisations have been banned; many have had their activities so restricted that they are as good as banned.

The apartheid response to campaigns for democracy is to terrorise those involved, children as well as adults. Peaceful demonstrations are broken up with teargas and bullets, soldiers patrol school grounds, children are arrested and detained without trial.

You can raise your voice against apartheid without fear of arrest, without fear of your family being persecuted by police, without fear of being interrogated and tortured.

Speak out and sign the declaration. We know that the apartheid regime is affected by world opinion. When our declaration is seen by De Klerk, Pik Botha and the other officials of apartheid, they will not fail to get the powerful message that people in the United Kingdom cannot accept their racist regime.

They might try to convince you that they will give the black majority the vote when 'they are ready' for it. But you know that in fact, they are actively destroying the democratic organisations of the people.

What is clear is that the apartheid regime could not survive a real election in South Africa. They know the majority of the people would vote for the ANC.

The regime has consistently tried to destroy the ANC. They banned it in 1960. Our leaders, such as Nelson Mandela, were imprisoned or, like President Oliver Tambo, forced into exile. Those who remained inside the country were, like Albertina Sisulu, placed under severe restrictions.

The ANC is completely banned inside South Africa though throughout the world we meet with governments. It is accepted internationally that the ANC represents a free and democratic future South Africa. We have suffered much at the bloodstained hands of apartheid agents, who not only terrorise us inside our own country but export their violence and attack our members in exile. But we have never, and will never, give up our struggle to end apartheid.

I appeal to YOU not to forsake the people of South Africa. Together we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE on the 6th September.

Whether or not you wish your signature to appear on the declaration you can make an important contribution by making a donation. Please give as much as you can afford.

Give today and help create a new, free and democratic South Africa. It will be a place where poverty, repression, racism and violence are things of the past.

Your support is needed urgently. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Representative, UK and Ireland

PS. REMEMBER THAT SPACE IS SHORT. ENSURE THAT YOUR NAME IS PRINTED BY POSTING YOURREPLY TODAY.

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