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To: National Reception Co.mittees, National Anti-Apartheid and Solidarity Movements

RE: INTERNATIONAL PICKET OF SOUTH AFRICAN EHBASSIES AND CONSULATES ON 2ND FEBRUARY 1990 TO DEMAND RELEASE OF NELSON HANDELA AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
As I trust you are aware the Nelson Mandela International Reception Committee (IRC) was launched on 8th January. This initiative was taken following consultations with the African National Congress and with the full support of its President Oliver Tambo. In case you have not received the International Appeal which was issued to mark the launch of the IRC and outlining its purpose, please contact us at the above address.

Since the launch of the IRC there has been even more speculation over the possible impending release of Nelson Mandela. It now appears tha his release could take place within the next few weeks and therefore our work has assumed an ever greater urgency.

We need to step up our efforts to secure the release of Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners immediately. The IRC is therefore calling for protests outside all South African Embassies and Consulates or Trade Missions on Friday 2nd February. On this day F.W. de Klerk is due to address the opening session of the racist tri-cameral parliament. The purpose of these protests will be to demand the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners, including those on death row. We would urge that protests be sent directly to Pretoria in countries which maintain no diplomatic relations with apartheid South Africa.

We would welcome your co-operation in compiling an international survey of the awards and other honours which have been bestowed on Nelson Mandela. Please send details immediately of any such awards fran your country, eg. Freedom of the City, Honorary Degrees, streets which have been named after Nelson Mandela, indeed any such information which you believe will be of use. We want to ensure that all those that have honoured Nelson Mandela celebrate his release and that Nelson Mandela himself has as comprehensive a record as possible of such honours.

Unless you have done so already, may I urge you to encourage the establishment of a National Reception Committee in your country. The aim of such National Reception Committees will be to try and promote activity at a national level on the same basis as the International Reception Committee. We have stressed that it is not envisaged that the National Reception Committee nor indeed the International Reception Committee, should supplant existing structures but rather act to provide a framework for co-ordinated activity over the coming months. Can we ask you to be in touch with the ANC Chief Representative in your country or region to discuss the modalities of setting up a National Reception Committee with the broadest possible participation.

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Finally I should let you know of the progress we have already made by establishing the International Reception Committee. We have set up a special office in London with Sipho Pityana as Co-ordinator together with a small administrative staff. We have established close working relations with the National Reception Committee in South Africa, and its Chairman Cyril Ramaphosa has agreed to join our Committee of Patrons, as have Walter Sisulu and Archbishop Tutu. Other prominent international personalities who have agreed to serve as Patrons are Willie Brandt, Madame Mitterand, Sir Shridath Ramphal, Julius Nyerere, Malcolm Fraser, Dennis Healey, Jimmy Carter, and Fr Miguel d' Escota and Mrs Palme. At a national level progress is being made to establish National Reception Committees in as many countries as possible. I was able to personally attend a meeting in New York on the 9th January to prepare for the establishment of a US National Reception Committee. Sipho addressed the inaugural meeting of the National Reception Committee in Britain. We intend to produce a regular newsheet to keep you informed of developments at the international level and especially on news from South Africa.

I am most excited by what has been achieved so far. This initiative does seem to have captured peoples imagination and I truly believe that not only will Nelson Mandela's release be an occasion for great celebration but will lead to a new impetus for the international campaign against apartheid. I very much hope that once National Reception Committees are established we can convene a consultation between the International Reception Committee so that we can exchange views and ideas on the way forward.

Archbishop Trevor Buddleston CR

Convener

18th January, 1990

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A list of suggestions on initiatives for NRC's

- The compiling of a comprehensive list of sponsoring organisations of the National Reception Committee (NRC)
- The compiling of a list of individuals who have participated in the campaign for Mandela's release, eg. artists at the Wembly Concert, Mayors of cities which have honoured Mandela, etc, so that they can be asked to be sponsors of the NRC
- The compiling of a list of all bodies which have honoured Nelson Mandela and to approach them to:
 - (a) advise them of the existence of the NRC
 - (b) urge them to make final efforts to secure the release of Nelson Mandela
 - (c) prepare to celebrate the impending release of Nelson Mandela
- To organise a national advertisement to appear immediately after Mandela's release welcoming his release, calling for support for the release of all prisoners, etc and announcing details of celebrations, to be signed by organisations
- To work out a contingency programme in event of Mandela being released sooner than planned for eg. press conference, performances to celebrate release
- To organise an immediate celebration outside South African embassy/consular office, on announcement of the release of Nelson Mandela and on the day of his release itself
 - _ To organise rally within few days of Nelson Mandela's release
- To produce T-shirts, badges, posters etc
- To organise an Early day Motion in Parliament to be tabled immediately on Nelson Mandela's release
- To approach local authorities to fly ANC flag on the day of Nelson Mandela's release
- To encourage street parties or other appropriate activity in roads named after Nelson Mandela
- To encourage celebrations/parties etc in student union buildings named after Nelson Mandela
- To urge academic and other institutions that have given honorary degrees and other awards to Nelson Mandela to issue a formal invitation to him to receive them in person, and to publicise such action
- To urge those cities that have given Nelson Mandela freedom of the city to issue a formal invitation to him to receive it in person, and to publicise such action