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 mun- Kr Marin 3:15 Mr Van din Break;
 T am writing to you following a meeting a! the major: networks of
 European NW5 (listed bclow) which the Liaiitoa Cmmittoa hostad
 en 2 March, to consider the progress and okataclea he: L'ree and
 fair nlactions in South Africa. At this meeting South African
 partners reiterated the issue that aroseain thm Intarna'tionaz
 Briefing on South Afrioa73 Firm Democratic and Nan-Racial
 macmons held in Brussels on 28 February and 1 March 1.994.
 Praminant among these issues 13 that or resmrss tn support the
 najbx programme of votlr education w2:: ch are needed ta
 facuimte these historion olentions.
 May I' begin by axpressing cur appreciation am thanks tm- the
 mmidarabh sxzppOTt which tha K'J haa already provided to: voter
 education under the Special Programme, in particular via IFEE
 (Independant Forum for Electoral Education) . .iowever considerable
 needs remain. At the International Briefing and at cur :ubuquont
 meeting, IFEE and cthcr partners emphasinnnd. the: problems Which
 have arisen clue to the very recent decilion to change the voting
 procedure frmnn one to two ballots. This makea it necessary 1:0
 change large quantitiu of educational material which had already
 been prepared. Naturally, revising materials is very costly (and
 1:: any case. TPEE has found that the huge Semand far vase:
 aduaation matsrialas has made it necessary to product larger
 amounts than wera originally budgetid for).
 As you know, the need for voter education in Smith Africa's
 Bloatiana is: exceptionally sarmus. voting is taking place for
 the first, time, in an atmosphere pcisuned by violence mom those
 resisting tho transition from apartheid to 21.111 democracy,- with
 a largely illiterate population. Voter educators neea'. to be able
 to respond quickly tn rummm and disintozmation. Black. woman
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53cm particular pressures caused by poverty, illitnracy,
intimidation from cultural and political aourcea and vinllnau.
another conoarn expressed by South African partnara is that voter
education aunt nantinoa after the electionsxvnontinued education
for citizenship is vital if a culture of demczra\$y 15 to replace
the culture of apartheid and violence.

Fer all of these reasons, but with particuihr referenct to tha
immediate problema caused by last-minute changes tn the vczin
aygtan, I wnuld nrqs you to raspcnd positivally to raquasts fer
further support to: votar education which the Commission is
likely tc roaeiva fram IFEE. This would giVn further pragtical
exprosuaon to the Commission's commitment tn support daaocracy
in South Africa.

Yours ulncarelyo

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