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Lusaka, 28th October, 1987

COMRADE OLIVER TAMBO
PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN
NATIONAL CONGRESS

ESTEEMED COMRADE TAMBO,

PLEASE ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, MOST CORDIAL COMRADELY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY AND THE AWARDING OF THE GEORGI DIMITROV ORDER.

THE BULGARIAN COMMUNISTS AND ALL WORKING PEOPLE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA KNOW YOU AS GREAT FIGHTER FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE OPPRESSED AND DEPRIVED LAYERS OF THE WORKING SOUTHAFRICAN POPULATION, FOR ABOLISHING THE APARTHEID REGIME, THE RACIAL AND SOCIAL OPPRESSION IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR INTENSE POLITICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS LEADER FOR MANY YEARS OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, THAT VANGUARD FORCE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY WHICH IS WINNING EVER INCREASING INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE.

YOU STAND IN THE FRONT RANKS OF THE PROGRESSIVE ANTIIMPERIALIST FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH ARE FOR PUTTING AN END TO THE ARMS RACE, FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WE EXPRESS OUR CONFIDENCE THAT THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WILL GAIN STRENGTH AND WILL EXPAND IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRIES, OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD.

I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND ENERGY TO WORK FOR
MANY YEARS MORE FOR THE JUST CAUSE OF THE SOUTHAFRICAN
WORKING PEOPLE, FOR THE TRIUMPH OF THE LOFTIES IDEALS
OF MANKIND.

TORDOR ZHIVKOV
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.