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ADDRESS BY ANE DELEGATION TO THE FIRST ANTI-APARTHEID ASIA-OCEANIA REGIONAL
WORKSHOP (AAAOE) HELD IN TOKYO FROM 27-29 AUGUST 1988.

Dear Chairperson

Distinguished guests

Fellow participate from Asia-Oceania Region

Friends and participate from T.U,Churches and Solidarity Groups from across
Japan,

The African National Congress deligation will like to convey the warmest and
fraternal greetings from the leadership of our movement and its entire
membership, from millions of our oppressed, discriminated and exproited but
struggling working men and wcmen, Youth and Students in their various
democratic organisations and political formations. I will also like to express
our deligations atmost gratitude to have been invited to participate in this
epoch making event, First Anti-Apartheid Asia-Oceania Regional'workshop(AAAOW).
From its very inception,the African National Congress attached great
significance to international mobilization and solidariti support. Throughout
its seventy-six years of sustained and heroic struggle, the ANC have developed
bilateral relations with governments, fraternal Liberation movements;regional,
Continental and international organization-both governmental and non-
governmental, paticularly with solidarity and Anti- Apartheid movements
worldwide.

Presently ANC supported by friendly governments and solidarity organizations
have offices in almost every region of the world including five embassies in
Africa, Asia and Carribean our Tokyo office was opened in MaylgAOU Liberation
Day this year.

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The sacrifices made by Anti-Apartheid activists are no less important than those of the very Colonised and brutalised people in our part of the world. The many different programmes and Campaigns Anti-Apartheid movements organised and continue to date, have not only reinforced the spilit cation and heroic sttruggle for those of us in the National Liberation Movement, but have opened new horizons and frontiers of Anti-Apartheid struggle across our globe. In the process of this, the realities of colonization, racialdiscrimination and prejudice, denial of Fundamental Human rights, cruelty and \$erroristic nature of Aparthetd rules have been exposed and brought 22 attgngienieogwgil%;gpgugg4actMZSa people ln our planet. We Vlll llke to use thls occa5lon tkoher ever tney are. But the struggle continues as Apartheid is still alive and kicking. We in the ANC renew our pledge to continue working hand in hand with the Anti-Apartheid forces and to coordinate our common campaigns till the denjse of the evil system of Apartheid has been accomplished and a democratic, non-racial south Africa- of the ffeedom 6harber have been established.

Chairperson,

The situation in South and Southern Africa remains grave and tense. In South Africa the racist regime continuous its programe of brutal reppression and suppression of the masses of our people;-It has renewed its_atmost three decades of state of Emergency and tightened its Martial Law rule in the past three years

-The army generals and police Chiefs have taken the reigns for running Apartheid through network of national, provincial, regional and local security system. This network is used to put under surveillance all opponents of Apartheid irrespective of age and colour.

eLeaders of the Democratic Movements, especially from the United Democratic Front and its afilliats, remains behind prison bars. scores of so-called treason trials are taking place throguout the country as patriots faces prosecution through tremp-t-up-charges.

-Hundreds of children, pupils, students and their teachers continue to be herded into Apartheid jails.

-Bothas secrete gestapo police and murder squads continues with reign of terror and assassination of leaders of our mass democratic movement and trade Unions. And dozens of patriots have disappeared without trace. the latest victim was the General secretary of the Mamelodi Civic Association, Johannes Bopape-who disappeared on June 12 this year.

-Close to a 1000 of the present 3000 political detainees have been carried over from the last year martial law. If the Apartheid regime renews its emergency proclamation in 1989, which is very possible, thousands of detainees will face years upon years in jail without even been brought before the court-
of -Low .we must demand their immediate release.

:52 Patriots are awaiting in Pretoria Death Row as the hang man prepares the gallows .Among them is the istgharville 6 . The world pressure have forced Botha and his clique to stay execution on several occasions. On September 7, the racist judges will be sitting again to examine the case once more. we should re-double our mobilisation efforts everywhere and demand the immediate release of these patriots. Let a" executions be stopped.

-In February the regime banned 17 organisations. two weeks later added anewly formed, committee for Democracy in its long list of banned organisation.

"this past week i&banned yet another Democratic force,
The End Conscription Campaign.

-Presently the regnes white only parliament is debating a Bill that will effectively emasculate and proscribe the Democratic Trade Union movement. he must mobilise workers in our own countries to put pressure on Companies and Governments to further isolate pretoria so that this so-called labour Relations

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Bill must not see the day.

-Leaders yfour people, Comrade Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and their colleagues remains behind Apartheid maximum security prison. A-quarter of century of the in carceration have not destroyed them as Botha intended .As scores of others have agreed to bothais conditional release, these patriots remains one with our people-Not to succumb to enemy tactics and pressure. The call for their release is even more urgent.

-The Pretoria regime have deployed dozens of its socalled iZ-squardsi throughout the world. In the past years these murder squards have bombed ANC offices in Swaziland, Botswana, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique. Zambia, London and Sweden. they were also-reSponsible for assassination of ANC Leaders and cadres in the Front Line states, inside South Africa and recently in Paris. This was the regimes desperate attempt to stop the unstopple forward march of our people led by the ANC and to create space for its puppets and collaborators. ' ' .

-the Apartheid regims continues with naked aggression and destabilisation of the Frontline States. By attacking Botswana, zimbabe, Zambia, Mozambique and Continued occupation of Southern Part& of Angola, Botha intended to drive the wedge between the ANC and these independed African Countries. He failed dismally and infact the bonds of solidarity and support have grown from strength to strength . We should organize moral, political and financial support for the Frontline States.

The Pretoriais regime's Concerted Campaign of terror to behead the the mass demoggatic movement and dislocate the organisations have failed. The kangaroo bwawne,,detentions, hangings, assassinations, military occupation of Black townships and the suppression of the media- failed to cow oul peopl into am Hi M.

submission odVXJnL4ma\$HLzQailedxtotgoQ, au:9pecpleaintdvaubmyssidneneither aede6t&l the regime managed to recapture the strategic initiative.

The continuing four year old rent boycott, 00untrYWide student demonstrations, the protests against the banning of the 18 organisations, the successful May strikes and stay-away and general national three days workers strikes led by COSATU, the non-cooperation and civil disobedience strategy adopted by religious organisations and the massive and deverce activities, testifies to the spirit of no-surrender of the fighting people of our country.

In recent times the heroic Namibian people, led by SWAPO, have stepped up war of liberation and have taken to the streets, demanding the Withdrawal of racist troops from the schools and their country and end colonial occupation. The ANC's relations with SWAPO began at the very formation of this organisation. These relations were welded and steeled in our common struggle and battles against our common enemy. We will continue to support the people of Namibia led by SWAPO and demand the immediate implimentation of resolution 455.

We in the ANC wholeheartedly welcomes moves that will bring about peace not only to Angola and independence to Namibia, but peace to the entire region of Southern Africa. We condemns Pretoria's latest ANC linkage in the ongoing peace process and regard this racist move as a deliberate attempt to create opstacles towards toppling this peace process.

We are concerned, Chairperson, by the growing Trade between the countries of this region and the racist South Africa. Despite the international condemnation of apartheid as a crime against humanity and the demand of our workers and people for the imposition of economic sanctions and total isolation of the Apartheid illegal regime, companies and some governments see in Pretoria an important ally. We expect this seminar to discuss this serious and unacceptable situation and work out coordinated programmes to reverse this Nb trend.

A month ago the racist minister of so-called Law and Order informed their parliament that the ANC has increased its activities by over 500%, but did not continue to say that hundreds of schools and public places are already named after ANC leadres like Comrade President Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu. And he also deliberately forget to add that ANC is not only everywhere but that the democrati'c majority have unbanned their instrument of liberation, the ANC.

These developments should inspire the anti-apartheid movements to guide them on their day to day activities.

The ANC-Tokyo office is launching the campaign for the release of all political prisoners and detainees, especially Children, Sharpville Six, All Patriots in the death row. We invite the delegates from Asia in particular to join and cooperate so that the Campaign can expand to the entire region.

In conclusion, we will like to inform this gathering that the latest reports indicates that Comrade Nelson Mandela is recuperating. And to all those millions of people from Cuba-Canada to Australia-Japan and UK-Norway to Zambia-Zimbabwe, who took to the streets, stadiums, churches and mosques to mark 70th Birthday of Cde Nelson Mandela and demand his unconditional release, we will like to convey his gratitude from behind the bars of Pollamoor maximum security prison, "Just as you are thinking of me all the time, I am also thinking of you all the time. I am very grateful to you all and I have hope for the future".

We wishes thie august meeting a succes.

AMANDLA! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. Thanks.