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STATEMENT OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS

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TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'THE ANATOMY OF HATE' DSLD
26TH AUGUST,1990 ; ,

THE RIGHT HDNOURABLE SYSE ,THE PRIME MINISTER OF NDENAY
YOUR EXCELLENCIES HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES AND GUESTS

FELLOW FREgDOM FIGHTERS AND PEACE MAKERS

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS AND ONE GENERATION AFTER ANDTHER,THE

HUMAN RACE HAS THROWN UP MEN AND WOMEN OF LDVE,VISION AND

BDUNDLESS CUURAGE. IT IS THANKS TO THESE TDWERINB EIANITS,THAT

OUR HUMANNESSE HAS ALWAYS REMAINED WITH US AND WILL ALWAYS REMAIN

WITH US,ND MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THE CHALLENGES HISTORY THRDWS AT

US FROM ONE HISTORIC ERA TO ANOTHER. NE REMAIN HUMAN BEINES

PRECISELY BECAUSE SMALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE HAVE RISEN AND CONTINUE

TO RISE IN DEFENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE. SOME OF THESE ARE NAMED AND

HAVE BECOME SAINTS;YET COUNTLESS OTHERS HAVE PASSED AND CONTINUE

TO PASS UNNOTICED AND UNSUNG. NE MEET HERE TDDAY,AND IN THEIR

NAME TD CHALLENGE THE VANITY AND HATRED THAT THREATENS THE VERY

SURVIVAL OF OUR PLANET. LIKE THEM,NE ARE CONGREGATED HERE TO SAY

THAT NO POWER HAS GREATER FORCE THAN DUR LOVE FDR HUMANITV.

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MORE IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE THE SUCCESS OF THE PEACE PROCESS. IT HURTS US DEEPLY THAT DESPITE NUMEROUS EFFORTS ON OUR PART TO SALVAGE THE PROCESS, OTHER PARTIES ARE AS YET TO DISCHARGE THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER AGREEMENTS REACHED. HOWEVER, DESPITE THE GLOOMY PICTURE PAINTED HERE, WE HAVE NOT LOST HEART. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS AN ONGOING RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST US IN OUR EFFORTS TO GIVE DEMOCRACY AND PEACE A CHANCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE SO-CALLED BLACK

ON BLACK VIOLENCE HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID. IT IS THIS SYSTEM THAT CONTINUES TO SUSTAIN THIS VIOLENCE. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS CALLS FOR ME TO MEET WITH THE LEADER OF INKATHA, CHIEF BUTHELEZI. THE ANC IS PREPARED TO DO ALL THINGS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT APARTHEID IS ENDED AND PEACE RESTORED TO OUR COUNTRY. IT WAS IN LINE WITH THIS SPIRIT THAT, EVEN BEFORE OUR RELEASE FROM JAIL, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MASS DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OPENED UP TALKS WITH INKATHA WITH THE VIEW OF END VIOLENCE IN BLACK AREAS. AT THE END OF THESE MEETINGS, BUTHELEZI DEMANDED A MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MASS DEMOCRATIC AND OUR PRESIDENT CONRADE OLIVER TAMBO. WHEN ALL HAD AGREED TO A MEETING, BUTHELEZI PULLED OUT GIVING UNACCEPTABLE EXCUSES FOR NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING. AT EVERY STAGE, BUTHELEZI HAS UNDERMINED OUR PEACE EFFORTS. DESPITE ALL THESE, THE ANC REMAINS READY TO SUE FOR PEACE WITHOUT SACRIFICING OUR PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO BELONG TO A POLITICAL PARTY OF THEIR OWN CHOICE.

APARTHEID REMAINS FIRMLY IN PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE RIGHT WING IS FULLY PREPARED TO DEFEND IT BY ALL MEANS, INCLUDING VIOLENCE. IT REMAINS OUR COMMON RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTINUE ISOLATING THE APARTHEID SYSTEM. ALL FORMS OF PRESSURE, INCLUDING SANCTIONS, SHOULD THEREFORE BE KEPT FIRMLY IN PLACE UNTIL FUNDAMENTAL AND IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN OUR TROUBLED COUNTRY. IT SHOULD BE REMINDING, FOR ANYONE TO BEGIN THINKING OF ASSISTING APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA TO BREAK OUT OF HER FETTER

FOR OUR PART WE REMAIN FULLY READY, TO CONTINUE WITH THE STRUGGLE
UNTIL OUR DREAM OF A UNITED, DEMOCRATIC, NON-RACIAL AND NON SEXIST
SOUTH AFRICA HAS BECOME A LIVING REALITY. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO
BE PARTISAN FIGHTERS ON THE SIDE OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. WE SHALL
RELENTLESSLY CHALLENGE THE INFAMOUS SEEDS OF HATRED WHEREVER
THESE ARE FOUND.
THANK YOU.