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April 29th, 1993

The Hon Mrs Barbara McDougall, M.P.,
Secretary of State for External Affairs
231 West Block
House of Commons
OTTAWA, Ontario
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Dear Ms McDougall,

CANADA-SOUTH AFRICA COOPERATION (CSAC)

I am appealing to you on behalf of Canada-South Africa Cooperation and the eight thousand Canadians who support it -- concrete support expressed in donations of over \$100,000 during the past year.

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Finally, I am appealing to you in the light of your own recent appeal to South Africans, following the assassination of Chris Hani, for calm and reconciliation. Our partner organizations in South Africa are very significant forces for peace, progress and development on the basis of human rights, and deserve our utmost support.

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Sarah Poulin

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Thank you



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The President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada
and Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs
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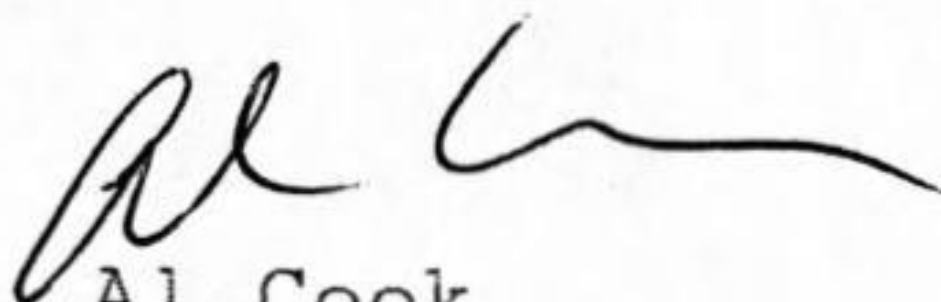
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