

## Observer Mission of the AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS to the United Nations

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H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Abulhasan Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations 321 East 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017

## Your Excellency,

The African National Congress Observer Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations, and has the honour to refer to the proposed visit to Kuwait by ANC President Nelson Mandela.

The ANC leadership has directed me to communicate to the government of the State of Kuwait, through its Permanent Mission at the United Nations, the following:

Owing to the lack of clarity with regard to the preparations and travel arrangements to Kuwait, which became evident during the discussions on 22nd July, 1992, between the ANC Presidential delegation with the Ambassador of Kuwait in Iran, the short notice received regarding Kuwaiti government's approval of the visit as well as compelling political reasons requiring the presence of Mr. Mandela in South Africa, ANC leadership has decided to post-pone the proposed visit to Kuwait.

It is hoped that this visit will be undertaken at a time in future that will be determined after proper consultations between the ANC leadership and the appropriate authorities in the State of Kuwait.

The ANC leadership wishes hereby to thank the government of Kuwait for all the efforts that have been undertaken on this matter and to apologise most sincerely for any inconvenience that may be caused by this decision.

The African National Congress Observer Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tebogo Mafole
Chief Representative