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Subject: The AFRICA Fund

Nelson Mandela is already more than half way through his one-man Odyssey apprising the world of the new situation in South Africa. Wherever he has gone, he has emphasised the need to maintain the international pressures on Pretoria that have contributed so much to achieving the present, hopefully promising stage of developments in that unfortunate country. All this would of course be known to you.

My purpose in writing to you is to apprise you of the initiative that was taken by over a hundred developing countries at a meeting in Harare in September, 1986 to mobilise the conscience of the world in assisting the victims of apartheid in South Africa. And to enlist your support in this noble cause.

The Harare meeting of Heads of State or Government of the Nonaligned Movement (NAM) decided to set up the AFRICA Fund-the acronym in this name standing for "Action For Resisting Invasion, Colonialism and Apartheid". The objectives of the Fund were mainly to support the Liberation Movements of Southern Africa in their struggle against oppression and to assist the Frontline States in resisting South Africa's destabilisation policies. In meeting its objectives, the Fund was mandated to focus on developing human skills, rehabilitating refugees and migrant labour, building up strategic relief reserves and strengthening the sectors of transport and communications.

The world at large has responded generously to NAM's appeal for participation in the AFRICA Fund. As many as 58 governments have so far pledged around US\$ 430 million to it, most of it in kind or as technical assistance. Not all of these contributions have come from the nonaligned countries. Much valued assistance has also been received from

Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Turkey in the Western world, as well as from the Soviet Union and other East European countries.

At its recent meeting in Lusaka, the AFRICA Fund Committee decided to look beyond governments and seek also the cooperation of non-governmental organisations, foundations and other such institutions for the accomplishment of the Fund's unfinished agenda. In the past its humanitarian activities have included participation, along with UNICEF, in the provision of drinking water for displaced women and children in the

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Sofala province of Mozambique. Medicines and clothing, tents and tarpaulins have comforted a large number of refugees from disturbed areas who have fled to other Frontline States. Training has been organised by a number of participating countries to impart urgently needed vocational skills. Others have supplied boats and trucks, buses, jeeps and railway wagons to the affected people of Southern Africa. But much more needs to be done.

I am, therefore, addressing this communication to you, in India's capacity as Chairman of the AFRICA Fund Committee, to enlist your support. Enclosed is a brochure on the Fund containing some more information about it. I hope it will be possible for you to participate in this humane endeavour.

Looking forward to your early response,

Yours sincerely,

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Towards a New Beginning

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Lapartheid is the single largest political and moral issue that the world faces today. It is a negation of everything that civilisation stands for. A system that is an affront to human dignity.

The repressive injustice of the Pretoria regime is not contained within the borders of South Africa. The neighbouring independent African States too are the victims of Pretoria's policy of aggressive political, military and economic destabilisation.

The AFRICA Fund is intended to gear up resistance against the violative practices of the Pretoria regime. It is a fight for human dignity. A war against oppressive racism.

The creation of the AFRICA Fund was a concrete step in this direction. The Action for Resisting Invasion, Colonialism and Apartheid (AFRICA) Fund was constituted at the VIII summit conference of the Nonaligned Movement (NAM) in Harare during September, 1986. It adopted the objective of strengthening the economic status of the Frontline States, reducing their dependence on South Africa and supporting the Liberation Movements in Southern Africa.

This was an initiative to bind the universal conscience into a unified opinion and called for concentrated action for complete elimination of this disgraceful practice rampant in South Africa. The world has a moral responsibility to see apartheid eradicated.

The AFRICA Fund's appeal to all nations of the world, non-governmental organizations, other institutions and the public to contribute generously to the Fund, has had an encouraging response.

In an unprecedented demonstration of solidarity and unity of purpose, the world at large came forward and pledged its support to the oppressed. US\$ 434.766 million have been pledged to the Fund so far by as many as 58 countries. Most of these contributions are in the form of technical assistance or in kind.

Priority areas for assistance through the Fund were identified by a multi-national committee specially set up by the Harare Summit to coordinate the work of the Fund.

There have been many encouraging developments in Southern Africa since the establishment of the AFRICA Fund.

Namibia became independent on 21 March, 1990 after a long drawn out struggle. Dr. Nelson Mandela's release after

27 years of illegal detention too marks a new beginning that will hopefully lead to the end of colonialism and racism in South Africa.

The role of the Fund in this dynamic and evolving situation was reviewed by its committee at a meeting in Lusaka from 14 to 18 May, 1990. After considering the messages addressed to it by leaders of the Frontline States and Liberation Movements, it came to the conclusion that the objectives of the AFRICA Fund continue to be relevant and its work must, therefore, be pursued until the restoration of human dignity has been fully achieved in South Africa.

Children on the Frontline

Priority Objectives of Fund Assistance

- * Building up of Strategic Relief Reserves.
- * Strengthening of Transport and Communications.
- * Responding to Negative Trade Effects.
- * Assuring the Availability of Oil and Other Forms of Energy.
- * Assisting the Safe Functioning of Vital Economic Installations and Networks.
- * Developing Human Skills for Management of National Economies.
- * Rehabilitating Migrant Labour.

The Frontline States and the Liberation Movements who are the beneficiaries of the Fund are:

Angola

Botswana

Mozambique

Namibia

Tanzania

Zambia

Zimbabwe

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Examples of Fund Assistance

- * Joint financing with UNICEF for provision of drinking water to women and children refugees in the Sofala Province of Mozambique.
- * Assistance in the form of medicines and medical stores to various Frontline States.
- * Human resources development through training in essential sectors.
- * Assistance in overcoming transport bottlenecks by the supply of boats, trucks, jeeps and railway wagons.
- * Supply of clothing and temporary shelters for displaced persons.
- * Rehabilitation of plants and factories.
- * Development of ports, airports, roads, and railways.

Members of the AFRICA Fund Committee

- * Algeria
- * Argentina
- * Congo
- * Egypt
- * India
- * Malaysia

Nigeria

Peru

Yugoslavia

Zambia

Zimbabwe

Contributions

Birth of a Nation: Secretary General of United Nations administering

the oath of office to the President of Namibia, 21 March, 1990.

AFRICA Fund makes an appeal to all for pledging their support in fighting the evil of racism. Contributions to the AFRICA Fund may be sent to any branch of the State Bank of India, the official bankers of the Fund.

The following addresses may be of use to prospective donors:

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Extracts from Messages to the VI Senior Officials
Meeting of the AFRICA Fund Committee
(Lusaka, 14-18 May, 1990)

"The establishment of the AFRICA Fund by the 1986 Harare Summit of the Nonaligned Movement was yet another eloquent testimony of the Movement's total commitment to the liberation of people the world over... From behind prison bars, we saw (its) establishment as yet another sterling blow against the edifice of apartheid."

-Dr. Nelson Mandela

Deputy President of the African National Congress

"The AFRICA Fund has not yet fully achieved all its lofty objectives. Apartheid in South Africa is still in place. It is my earnest hope that the AFRICA Fund will continue to mobilise world support for the Frontline States and the Liberation Movements in South Africa until change in that country becomes irreversible and apartheid is eradicated".

-H.E. Dr. Shafushuna Sam Nujoma
President of the Republic of Namibia

"Apart from the significant material contribution already made by the Fund, its very existence has an even greater impact as an international moral condemnation of apartheid and all it stands for. The Fund's financial, material and human resources, therefore, need to be increased".

-H.E. Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda
President of the Republic of Zambia
& Vice Chairman of AFRICA Fund Committee

"We must continue the international pressure against the South African government to ensure an early and complete dismantlement of apartheid, and in this process the AFRICA Fund must play a continuing role."

-H.E. Mr. Vishwanath Pratap Singh
Prime Minister of the Republic of India
& Chairman of the AFRICA Fund Committee

Contributions to AFRICA Fund as of August,1990

NAM Countries

Countries not Members of NAM

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Afghanistan

Algeria

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Iran

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DPR Korea

Laos

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US \$ 12 mil

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(b) East European Countries

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Bulgaria

Czechoslovakia

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Poland

USSR

Contribution

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Levas 1.27 mil

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GDR Mks 21 mil
Forints 117.4 mil
Zlotys 24.17 bil
Roubles 66 mil

(c) West European Countries

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Contribution

in kind
5,000
5,000 Finland - mil
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5,000 Netherlands DF1 23 mil
Norway NK 10 mil
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Total (in kind) US \$ 421.636 million

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(in cash) US \$ 13.130 million

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Grand Total US \$ 434.766 million (equivalent)

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