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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION BOARD, THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS:
HARARE, ZIMBABWE, OCTOBER 16, 1988.

A MEETING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY BOARD, THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WAS HELD IN HARARE ON THE 15TH AND 16TH OCTOBER, 1988. THE MEETING CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE COMMON DESIRE ON THE PART OF ALL THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS TO ENSURE THAT RUGBY IN SOUTH AFRICA IS ORGANISED ACCORDING TO NON-RACIAL PRINCIPLES.

THE MEETING CONFIRMED THIS POSITION AND AGREED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY SHOULD COME UNDER ONE NON-RACIAL CONTROLLING BODY. THEY AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS AND CALLED ON ALL PEOPLE OF GOODWILL INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA TO SUPPORT THIS PROCESS. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE GOALS STATED HERE IS A NECESSITY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY TO TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN WORLD RUGBY.

THE LEADERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY BOARD AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY UNION MET WITH THE ANC SOLELY BECAUSE OF THEIR BELIEF THAT IT CAN PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE TO ACHIEVE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES SHARED BY THE SARB AND THE SARU. THESE LEADERS ARE READY TO MEET AT ALL TIMES AND SHALL MEET ANY OTHER PARTIES OR GROUPS THAT MAY ALSO PLAY SUCH A ROLE.

THE ANC ACCEPTED THE GOOD FAITH AND SINCERITY OF THE RUGBY ADMINISTRATORS AT THE MEETING AND UNDERTOOK TO USE GOOD OFFICES TO ENSURE THAT NON-RACIAL SOUTH AFRICAN RUGBY TAKES THE RIGHTFUL PLACE IN AFRICAN AND WORLD RUGBY TO WHICH WE HAVE REFERRED.

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