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Mr. Chairman  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The present political situation in South Africa is a logical consequence of the decades of struggle of its oppressed and exploited people. This period of struggle has witnessed great turmoil and turbulence - but the indomitable spirit of the people has remained alive and soaring.

On the other hand, international disinvestment and sanctions drive have brought white and racist South Africa to where it is today. The economic realities are harsh, but harsher still are the social realities which have begun to undermine white confidence. The implementation of the sanctions had not only isolated the racist regime, but it exacerbated the already bad economic situation in this country

bringing the desired pressures and compulsions to dismantle the structures of apartheid. By its economic philosophy and policies designed in favour of the whites

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and to the serious detriment of the black majority in South Africa, the SAG further pushed the economy of the country in a deep morass. The heightened activities of the South African <sup>anti-apartheid</sup> ~~Liberation~~ movements and increasing domestic unrest generated by anti-majority and racist policies further strained the SAG resources bringing the desired pressures.

In its resolve to create a non-racial society and seeking to dismantle the structures of apartheid, the people of South Africa needed continued moral and material support of all the people who cherished a polity in which democracy and equality would reign supreme.

India which has also suffered inequality and injustice at the hands of the colonialists, has always been in the forefront to extend not only the political support but also material and financial assistance to ANC in its struggle against racial oppression. ~~India~~ India was one of the countries which moved a resolution for setting up of the Africa Fund during the 8th Non-aligned Summit held in Harare in 1986. 'Africa Fund is the acronym for 'Action For Resisting Invasion Colonisation and



Apartheid Fund'. As the current Chairman of the Africa Fund, India has strenuously made efforts and has been impressing upon the member countries in the comity of nations and the donors both bilateral and multilateral to liberally contribute to the Fund resources which could be made available to the ANC. A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Zambia considers the utilisation of the funds, costs, resources as well as the pledges made to it in kind by its donor countries.

In response to appeals by India, on behalf of the Africa Fund, the Fund <sup>has</sup> received <sup>been</sup> pledges in cash, kind and project assistance from 58 countries as well as several international organisations. To a large extent these pledges have been implemented already. I am happy to say that ANC is one of the <sup>main</sup> recipients of the Fund assistance.

The assistance given directly by the Africa Fund to the ANC out of its cash resources is as follows:

- (a) US\$ 200,000 in accordance with the Fund's decision in February 1989; and
- (b) US\$ 800,000 in accordance with the Fund's decision in May 90.



Mr Chairman,

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India has shown due consideration to the needs of the African National Congress and has generously extended support to it out of its <sup>own</sup> contribution to the Africa Fund. During the visit of Dr. Nelson Mandela to India in October 1990, a sum of US\$ 5 million was handed over to him by our Prime Minister. Earlier (in September 88), India had supplied to ANC consumer durables and transport vehicles worth US \$ 1m from its contribution to the Fund. It may be mentioned that at the commencement of the Africa Fund, the Government of India had pledged a sum of US \$ 25m.

The Indian Government have also agreed to commit a sum of US\$ 3 million under the Indian Technical Economic Cooperation Programme to cover provision of technical training to ANC nominees in Indian training institutes, deputation of experts to ANC establishment and gifting of equipment for training institutes. Government of India have also provided a budgetary support to meet the establishment expenditure of the local ANC office in New Delhi. ~~Out of our own contributions to the Africa Fund, we have already supplied to ANC consumer durable and transport vehicles worth US\$ 1 million.~~ <sup>By 14.06 million</sup> Government

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of India are presently in the process of shipping an additional consignment of medicines, office equipment etc. worth more than US\$ 1 million.

Above are only some of the illustrations of the assistance given by India to ANC bilaterally and out of its own contribution to the Fund. I would like to assure that ANC will <sup>not</sup> find India wanting and all ANC requests for support will receive positive and sympathetic consideration of my Government.