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Dear Friend,

RE: ANC NATIONAL CONFERENCE, DURBAN, JULY 3 - 6, 1991.

Since its banning in 1960 the first National Conference of the African National Congress is scheduled to take place in Durban from the 3rd to 6th July, 1991.

Conference will be meeting at a very crucial period in the history of South Africa - a period which is witnessing the death-throes of a tyrannical regime that sought, through unbridled force, terror and violence to perpetuate a patently unjust, voteless and voiceless black majority.

For nearly 8 decades the national liberation movement, spearheaded by the ANC, conducted a disciplined and bitter struggle to replace the system of institutionalised racism by a sane, just and humane social, economic and political order.

We are proud to state that the determined resolve of our people not to submit to tyranny and to fight for their inalienable human rights and freedom has begun to bear fruit. Combined with the efforts of the International Community to assist South African victims of racism and injustice, the white-minority regime has been compelled to yield, albeit reluctantly, to the basic urges and aspirations of our people on the one hand, and to the persistent and growing demands of the world community for an end to the odious, obnoxious and criminal system of Apartheid, on the other.

Conference, we have no doubts, will be an event of great significance in the annals of the South African freedom struggle in particular. Besides reviewing the last three decades of our movement for emancipation, conference will focus primarily on current political developments, plan out new strategies and tactics and formulate general guidelines for the final phase of the liberation struggle. The question of rebuilding the ANC into a well-knit and powerful instrument in the service of all South Africans will be high on the Agenda.

The National Executive Committee of the ANC has the honour and pleasure to invite you/a representative of your organisation to attend Conference as an observer. The opening and closing sessions will be open to invited guests, besides the regular press briefings. The National Preparatory Committee will also be arranging a programme which will keep guests fully occupied during the period between the opening and closing sessions.

Travelling, meals and accomodation costs shall be the responsibility of guests. We shall, however, provide local transportation during the opening and closing of the conference.

We shall be happy to arrange your hotel bookings. Rates vary from R60.00 in Guest Houses to R300.00 in Five-Star hotels which includes Bed and Breakfast. (one US dollar is approximately R2.70).

The following are the approximate rates:

One-Star:	R80.00	per night
Two-Star:	R120.00	" "
Three-Star:	R160.00	" "
Four-Star:	R180.00	" "
Five-Star:	R300.00	" "

Owing to the holiday season you are requested to advise us before June 7th, 1991 so that bookings are made accordingly. As visas are a requirement please make applications now to the nearest South African diplomatic or consular mission. Do contact us please in the event of any difficulties in this respect.

The port city of Durban is relatively warm during the period May/July whilst temperatures vary between zero degrees celsius to twenty degrees in other parts of the country. Johannesburg in particular, can be extremely cold during this time. It would be advisable to bring warm clothing along.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Conference. To enable us to make proper arrangements and to meet you at points of entry kindly send us your flight schedules well in advance of your arrival.

With warmest fraternal greetings and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Nzo.
Secretary General.