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Dear Comrade Cyril,

On Saturday 12 March I met Mr. Jazairy, the President of IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) in the course of which we discussed the possibility of an application by South Africa for membership of IFAD.

I then explored with him the likely response of three U.N. food organisations (IFAD, FAO, and the World Food Programme) if they were invited as observers to CODESA. If the ANC were to table such an invitation, that would give us the initiative in relationships with these bodies.

Mr. Bouna Diouf, IFAD's Director of the External Relations Dept., hopes to attend the U.N. Conference on Southern Africa in Namibia, probably this April. There he would like to discuss this and other issues with us.

In the meantime it would be wise to put to CODESA the idea of inviting these bodies as soon as possible. I have discussed this with Cde Mendi Msimang, whom I regard as my mentor in these matters.

I shall, of course, be happy to provide any further information as required.

ANC leads to democracy!

Yours in the struggle,

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