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The High Commissioner,
Embassy of India
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Your Excellency,

I have been informed by the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress of South Africa to inform Your Excellency that the offer by the Government of India of the "Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International understanding" to our National leader Comrade Nelson Mandela is greatly appreciated.

The Government of India has always been in the fore-front in the struggle internationally for the total liquidation of the cancerous system of apartheid. It is logical that the fighters inside South Africa against this obnoxious system should enjoy the highest support of Your Government.

The African National Congress greatly appreciates this offer and has no hesitation in accepting it. We would be glad to discuss the other details concerning the ceremony and the manner of receiving it.

We wish to avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to the Government and People of India the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

Joe Nhlanhla.
Administrative-Secretary.