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Mr. Maindy Msimang, African National Congress, P.O. Box 2239, Dar-es-Salaam, TANZANIA. DATE: 27 January 1977 REFERENCE: C-22-77-30

Dear Mr. Msimang,

It was very nice of you to spare some time to discuss with me the possibility of cooperation between CODESRIA and A.N.C partly with regards to helping some of the students from South Africa to be placed in schools and universities in other African countries.

If I may summarize very briefly our discussions as follows:

- 1. The students that need most help are in three categories: secondary school students, upper primary school students, and those who are about to enter University.
- 2. Because of your own programmes and those being undertaken by UNDP and UNESCO, you asked us to concentrate on placing students in the following countries Ghana, Ethiopia, Liberia, Senegal, Algeria and Egypt. Egypt has a particularly good medical school which take students from all Third World countries.
- 3. Our last appointment was for me to come to 19 Sinza Road University to discuss with you a standard budget per student. Unfortunately at the time we were to meet, I was needed to speak at the last session of the Conference at the University; I therefore could not come for the appointment since the meeting did not finish until 6.30. I hope this did not cause you any unnecessary inconvenience.

I am now proceeding with the project trying to negotiate for places with the governments of the countries mentioned. Our request will be for governments to provide places as well as maintenance. At the same time, CODESRIA will try and find finance for transporting the students to these countries and for providing certain allowances such as for books, clothing, etc. A proposal for funding is being submitted to SUCO (Service Universitaire Canadien Outre Mer) who are holding a meeting right here in Dakar. A draft of the proposal is enclosed.

We are hopeful that we will find some finance for this project. We think that our main task at this stage is to get this project off the ground even if the number of students involved is not high. Once the programme is operating, then it is less difficult to expand it and to attract more finance for the project.

I am very happy that A.N.C and SWAPO are giving their full support to this project. CODESRIA as a militant panafrican organization will do everything it can to help towards the liberation of Southern Africa. This is one small step towards that direction.

As I explained to you, this project was discussed fully with the A.N.C and SWAPO representatives here in Dakar. We are cooperating fully and we will keep each other informed at every stage of the development of the project.

A Luta Continua.

Yours Sincerely,

Abdalla S. BUJRA Executive Secretary

cc: A.N.C Representative, DAKAR.

SWAPO Representative, DAKAR.