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To SACBC, Br. Jude Pieterse
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Brussels, April 24, 1990

Re: Publication Standing Committee.

Dear Friends,

We send you today a small letter to remind you on the letter we have send on March the 29th 1990, together with the first draft of the publication, all send by "special mail". We do hope that you received well the publication, perhaps with some delays because of the Eastern holidays in Europe.

Until today we only received a comment from the Chairman of the Standing Committee, Mr. Paul Renshaw.

We are of course most interested in the reactions and suggestions from your side, as the most important actors of the Special Programme in South Africa.

We ourselves read yesterday an article in one of the Dutch (Christian Democratic) newspapers (Trouw) which illustrated very well the need which exists in Europe on a publication on the reality in South Africa, from a black majority's point of view; the problems people are dealing with and the way how communities and the democratic movement is working on constructing a new society. The article was written by 2 Euro Christian Democrats who visited South Africa recently and who had been confronted with the desperate situation in the townships and more specifically in education and employment perspectives for the millions of African youth. Then they were wondering how the funds of the CEC had contributed in a way to tackle this situation.

It are especially these types of questions that we would have liked to tackle with our publication: put the South African reality in its political context, as seen by the democratic movement and provide concrete information on the way how this majority is working towards a new South Africa.

In that sense, we hope also to receive more concrete contributions from your side on initiatives in the educational field as well as in other fields for future publications. We ourselves thought the draft is responding too little to the

specific needs the publication wanted to address when it was thought upon.

We hope you will find some time to react to us on the draft in the very near future so that it can be finalized. Thanking you very much on beforehand for your co-operation, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

Riet Van Laer Deputy Secretary

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