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The NZATE National Council meets next on February 24 and 25,
1990.
appreciative.

If a reply is possible before then, I should be most

Yours sincerely

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Vince Catherwood
(Secretary)

B.

"That the NZATE National Council

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supports the choice of theme for the 1990 conference, which is "Different Voices : Language, Culture, Identity.";

supports the educational principles underlying this choice of theme which recognises the right of each student to an education which respects his or her potential regardless of race, creed, gender or nationality;

acknowledges that the government's apartheid policies in South Africa deny students an education based on these principles;

therefore does not at present support attendance by residents of South Africa at the 1990 IFTE Conference."

This policy is consistent with the resolution adopted by the 1985 Nassau agreement of the Commonwealth Heads of Government.

This agreement, as you will be aware, discourages participation involving South Africans in cultural and scientific events except where these contribute to the ending of apartheid, or have no possible role in promoting it.

We are aware, however, that there are arguments to support a "selective boycott" of South African citizens, so that those working for the mass democratic movement inside South Africa can be supported by attendance at international conferences. We are also aware of arguments to support an "academic boycott" of all South African residents in the interests of bringing about equality for all the peoples of South Africa by placing pressure on the South African government.

We should be grateful if you could let us know whether the African National Congress supports either a selective boycott or a total academic boycott of South African residents at international conferences such as the one proposed in Auckland in 1990.

"selective boycott", have you any advice for us on procedures we should adopt to ensure that South African residents who might apply to attend the conference can be identified as genuine opponents of the South African Government's apartheid policies?

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New Zealand Association for the Teaching of English (Inc)
PO. Box 1154, Postal Centre, Wellington, N.Z.

17 January 1990

Mr Oliver Tambo
President
African National Congress
Lusaka
ZAMBIA

Dear Mr Tambo

I should be grateful to receive advice from the African
National Congress on a matter of concern to the New Zealand
Association for the Teaching of English.

From August 24-29, 1990, the New Zealand Association for the
Teaching of English will be hosting an international
conference on the teaching of English, to be held in
Auckland, New Zealand.
sponsored by the International Federation for the Teaching
of English, an international body whose membership consists
of the following countries:
United States of America, Australia, New Zealand and
Barbados.

The conference will also be

England, Canada, the

We wish to know if there is a policy which the African
National Congress has adopted with respect to admission of
South African residents to international conferences.

At a recent meeting of the National Council of the
New Zealand Association for the Teaching of English, the
following resolutions were passed:

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"That the NZATE National Council

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affirms its position statement on biculturalism
and the teaching of English language;

affirms educational principles and practices which
allow all students to reach their potential
regardless of their race, creed, gender or
nationality;

condemns the policy of apartheid enforced by the

South African Government."

9 February, 1990.

Dear Mt Gatherwood,

Wu acknowlegc. with dgep appreciation and sincere thank. raoaipt
of yaur letter of January 17, 1990 to cur President, Oliver Tamba
enquiring about the AND peaitian re admission of South African
residenta to international conferenaea.

fïr\201wr position is that thn Mas Democratic Mbvement ahauld alwaya ha
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among its members who woula aefinitely be genuine opponenta of
apartheid policies.

As regarda the particular ccnference you will be spcnaoring, w&
roaammena you aontaet UDUSA through its Seeretary:

Dr Mike Morris

Qeonomic History Dept,

'University of Natal,

King George V Ave,

#001 Durban.

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Wt do hope our respanso will reach you before February 3%,1990.

W9 @nly receivaiayour letter an February 8, 1990. we thank you
and the NZÂ\$TE National Gauncil for your support.

?ours sincerely,

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