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12th May 1978

Dear Comrade,

As you may well have heard, the NGO Sub-Committee on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Apartheid and Decolonisation is planning an International Conference for Action against Apartheid, to be held in Geneva from 28 to 31 August 1978.

Enclosed please find the rules of procedure for the conference, which lay down the aims and objectives which we hope to achieve.

The Sub-Committee is keen that ANC (SA) be represented at this conference at the highest level and we would be honoured if you personally were able to attend, while we of course do understand the constraints on your time. You will shortly be receiving the official invitation to the conference.

As I am also sure that you are aware, the UN World Conference against Racism is being held in Geneva from August 21 to 25 and we are aware that the UN have made provision to pay for the participation and travel of a representative/s of ANC (SA). The UN have, however, indicated that they will only be able to grant limited travel assistance and participation costs for liberation movement representatives to the NGO Conference the following week. It is therefore suggested that if possible your representative/s to the World Conference against Racism be allowed to remain in Geneva for the NGO Conference the following week.

If such an arrangement can be made, the NGO Conference would be able to pay the extra per diem expenses involved and would also possibly be in a position to pay for another participant to attend, if this could be a representative of ANC (SA) based closer to Geneva than Headquarters. This would mean that you would have a more comprehensive representation at the NGO Conference.

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It would also be most useful to the Sub-Committee and to the planning group for the conference if you could let us know, as soon as possible, your reactions to this letter as well as your general impressions about the proposed conference and its aims.

I certainly hope that you will be able to give us some indications of your views in order that I can bring these to the attention of the Sub-Committee, at which time I also intend proposing that the liberation movements be invited to attend future conference planning group meetings.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lars-Gunnar Eriksson', written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lars-Gunnar Eriksson  
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