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MARCH 11, 1989

O.R. TAMBO AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (SA) P. O. BOX 31791 LUSAKA, ZAMBIA TELEX: 45390

DEAR O.R.,

WE HAVE HEARD THAT YOU MAY BE TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES IN MARCH OR APRIL OF THIS YEAR. WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU WILL BE HERE ON APRIL 4, 5 OR 6 AS WE HAVE PLANNED A SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID FOR THOSE DATES IN NEW YORK CITY. 1'VE DESCRIBED THE CONFERENCE IN SOME DETAIL IN THE REST OF THIS TELEX, AND WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS MIGHT TAKE YOU TO THIS CITY DURING THE DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE. IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW BY RETURN TELEX (650-241-6069), WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL.

THE CONFERENCE IS BEING CONVENED IN ORDER TO MOBILIZE EXPANDED ADVOCACY IN THE US RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY FOR THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID. AFRICAN-AMERICAN RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS, ALONG WITH OTHER CONCERNED AMERICANS IN SEVERAL DENOMINATIONS HAVE LONG PROVIDED CORE SUPPORT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE AFRICAN STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERATION. THESE ARE THE SAME CONGREGATIONS THAT WERE CENTRALLY INVOLVED IN MAJOR DOMESTIC STRUGGLES FOR JUSTICE SUCH AS THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. MORE RECENTLY, WE HAVE WORKED WITH THEM IN CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS UNLOCK APARTHEID'S JAILS.

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NOW, AS THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE FORCES OF APARTHEID AND LIBERATION INTENSIFIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO EXPAND AND EMPOWER SUCH AN ACTIVE NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS TO ENSURE BOTH THE TOTAL ISOLATION OF APARTHEID AND STRONG US SUPPORT FOR THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE.

THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADERS OF CONGREGATIONS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO MEET WITH RELIGIOUS AND LAY LEADERS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WITH CONCERNED US ACTIVISTS. IT WILL FACILITATE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON THE ISSUES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE FUTURE. THE COMBINATION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS WILL ENGAGE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DIALOGUE. WE HOPE THAT AN ONGOING RELIGIOUS ACTION NETWORK WILL EMERGE, GREATLY STRENGTHENED FROM THIS MEETING, LINKING LOCAL ACTIVIST CONGREGATIONS IN INCREASINGLY POWERFUL ACTION.

ARCHBISHOP TUTU, BISHOP KAMEETA OF NAMIBIA, AMBASSADOR ZUZE, DOROTHY HEIGHT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN AND MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN HAVE ALL AGREED TO SERVE AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRS. WE HAVE ALSO ASSEMBLED ACCEPTANCES FROM AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF POTENTIAL SPEAKERS. BISHOP KAMEETA, REV. ALLAN BOESAK AND REV. JESSE JACKSON HAVE ALL AGREED TO ADDRESS KEYNOTE SESSIONS. WE EXPECT AT LEAST 300 PASTORS FROM LOCAL CONGREGATIONS TO ATTEND THIS HISTORIC CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL ADD NEW MOMENTUM TO THE ANTI-APARTHEID STRUGGLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN SOLIDARITY,

JENNIFER DAVIS AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA

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