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There have been important victories scored. because the CAAA has significantly contributed to achieving much of the above.

However we regard this action as premature with regard to two essential items. The violence has resulted in a situation where there is no climate for free political activity. Furthermore. large numbers of persons, detained as political prisoners in terms of agreement reached between the ANC and the South African government. remain in jail.

Progress should be judged not only by its words, but by actual deeds. and such progress cannot be determined by the South African government. nor accepted on its word alone. The process of change can only be deemed irreversible when the people can defend their gains through that most democratic of means, one person one vote. This is still denied to black South Africans today. ,

Despite this premature action, we are certain we will succeed to ensure the release of all remaining political prisoners. The ANC and all peace-loving people of our country will continue to make every effort to establish peace and end the scourge of violence.

We must also point out that a whole range of sanctions shall continue to remain in force. In terms of the Gern Amendment South Africa cannot receive loans from the IMF and the World Bank. The arms embargo, and sanctions imposed by various states and entities are not affected by the CAM.

President Bush has also made it clear that the United States shall continue to maintain pressure on the South African government through other means, and that is a source of encouragement.

We urge all who cherish democracy and want to see a free, democratic and non-racial South Africa come into being to continue to utilize this weapon to maintain pressure on the South African government to ensure rapid movement forward to establish the kind of society so many throughout the world have worked so long and hard to achieve.

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