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Comrade
Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela
Leader of the African
National Congress
Pollsmoor Prison, Cape Town
South Africa

Dear Comrade Mandela,

It deeply moves me to convey to you fraternal greetings and warmest wishes on your 70th birthday.

The Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the government and the people of the German Democratic Republic feel, as do millions of people in the world, united with you in the struggle against the inhumane and internationally outlawed apartheid system because of your steadfastness, your courage and your deep love of the oppressed people of South Africa.

We are proud to state that our party and this country have developed a trusting relationship with your liberation organization, the African National Congress, and have been working with it for decades, upholding your ideals.

As we convey the warmest wishes for the future to you, we are confident that you and your imprisoned comrades-in-arms will be freed as soon as possible and a united, anti-racist, democratic and peace-loving South Africa will come into being.

E. Honecker

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Committee of the Socialist Unity
Party of Germany and Chairman
of the Council of State of the
German Democratic Republic