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Lindiwe Mabuza
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Dear Lindiwe,

Referring to the letter regarding the visit to Finland of the BUWA Group, I would like to present, on behalf of the Isolate South Africa Campaign, the following:

The ISAC and its member organizations have for one year looked for possibilities for the BUWA Group's visit to Finland. The budget for the visit sent to Ritva Penttonen amounted to as much as half a million FIM. Raising such funds is almost impossible in the near future. During the negotiations with FINNIDA it was noted that FINNIDA is prepared to support the visit by approximately half of the amount required. About 250 000 - 300 000 FIM would have had to be collected by organizations in 1988.

The ISAC and its member organizations have already earlier committed themselves to support the opening of both SWAPO's and ANC's information offices in Finland in 1988. The member organizations have already paid a considerable share of the opening costs to SWAPO, and a corresponding amount has been collected for opening the ANC office. To collect funds for another costly target, expenses for the BUWA visit, has proved to be extremely difficult.

In the negotiations between the organizations, arranged by the ISAC, a unanimous result has been reached, namely, that the visit of BUWA in 1988 is an unsurmountable economic burden. Another effort to raise funds in 1989 could be made, if suitable for the Group. If not, the ISAC with its member organizations will cancel its invitation.

Being aware of the above facts, the ISAC however made a decision to give publicity to the situation in South Africa and to support ANC and SWAPO by organizing an extensive anti-apartheid event in cooperation with the PAND organization on April 18, 1988. Since the event is mainly based on performances of Finnish artists and mostly on volunteer work without pay, the budget for the event is only appr. 200 000 FIM. Of this

amount FINNIDA will cover a part by allocating to the ISAC 130 000 FIM of the information funds meant for non-governmental organizations and distributed by the Advisory Board for Economic Relations between Finland and Developing Countries. This amount has not been taken of the money granted to ANC in negotiations with FINNIDA. Kimmo Pulkkinen from FINNIDA has not supported the event at all.

It may still be mentioned that the cultural event will be attended, as the guest of the ISAC, by Barbara Msekela, the Director of the ANC Cultural Department, Wally Serote, an author, as well as Andrew Masondo, the Principal of SOMAFCO, invited by the project "Without a Home Country". The entire profit of the event will be donated to ANC.

ON BEHALF OF THE ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA CAMPAIGN

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