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Rome, June 26th, 1989

Dear Naidoo,

as already communicated from October 23rd to  
28th, 1989, UIL will held its 10th National Congress in  
Venice.

It will take place in a particular political  
time, characterized by important international events.  
First of all the speeding up of the European Common  
Market establishment (with the progressive realization  
of the Single Act for 1992), to which the European  
Parliament's recent elections gave a particular  
impulse.

Together with this international process, the  
debate on the social dimension of the Common Market has  
developed. The social aspect seems to be complicated  
and difficult with problems linked to employment, the  
Charter on Social Rights, regional and sectorial  
unbalances and to the environment.

Furthermore, the present changes in Eastern  
Europe are creating a completely new climate in favour  
of peace and better relations between West and East  
Europe.

Finally, it is not possible to postpone any  
longer a solution to the gap between North and South  
and to the foreign debt of developing countries.

For all these reasons the UIL 10th Congress will  
give relevant attention to international issues, also  
because many qualified foreign delegations will be  
present.

During the Congress, therefore, debate  
initiatives will take place on the following issues:

- European Common Market and linked social and  
trade union problems;
- changes in East Europe;
- international development and foreign debt.



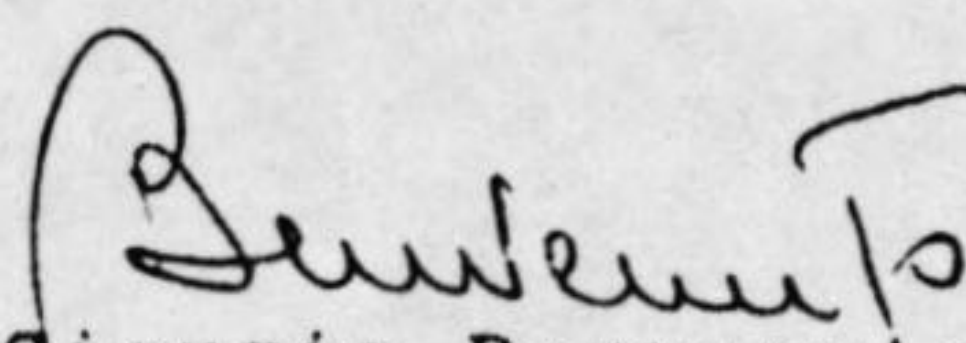
Moreover, considering the growing importance of the Mediterranean and Southern Africa and of the Middle East, the Congress will discuss such subjects.

I therefore invite you again to participate at least to some initiatives of our Congress. Due to a limited hotel receptivity in the Lido of Venice, please let us know as soon as possible the date of arrival and departure of your delegate in order to avoid the need of accomodation in the outskirts of Venice.

The arrival of foreign participants to the Congress is for Sunday October 22nd and departure scheduled for Saturday October 28th.

Later I will send you the detailed programme of the Congress.

Fraternal greetings,

  
Giorgio Benvenuto  
(General Secretary)

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Jay Naidoo  
COSATU General Secretary  
P.O. Box 1019

JOHANNESBOURG 2000  
(South Africa)

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ICFTU international confederation of free trade unions  
C I S L confédération internationale des syndicats libres  
I B F G internationaler bund freier gewerkschaften  
CIOSL confederación internacional de organizaciones sindicales libres

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29 May 1989

TO CERTAIN AFFILIATED  
ORGANISATIONS

Dear Colleague,

ICFTU/ITS Occupational Health and Safety Working Party (6-8 Sept.)  
OECD Workshop on  
Prevention of Accidents involving Hazardous Substances (11-14 Sept.)  
(Stockholm 1989)

The ICFTU/ITS Annual Occupational Health and Safety Working Party will take place in Sweden on 6-8 September 1989. This will be followed by a Workshop on the Prevention of Accidents involving Hazardous Substances - focussing particularly on the role of labour, also in Sweden, being hosted jointly by the OECD and the Swedish government on 11-14 September.

The Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) to the OECD will be sending out invitations to trade unions in OECD member countries but the ICFTU has been specifically asked to bring the OECD meeting to the attention of affiliated unions in developing countries.

We would be obliged if you would let us know as soon as possible whether your organisation will be sending a representative to the ICFTU/ITS Working Party and whether he or she would be willing to participate in the OECD meeting which follows.

The ICFTU will pay the return air fare, hotel and per diem costs of one participant from your organisation to the ICFTU/ITS Working Party meeting. If the participant stays on for the OECD meeting, we have been advised that the Swedish government will cover the cost of hotel and per diem for the OECD meeting.

The participation of representatives from developing countries will be of great importance at both meetings. You are requested to let us know, as soon as possible, the name of your representative as the Swedish government needs to have these details well in advance in order to make proper arrangements. Unfortunately, only participants to the ICFTU/ITS Working Party can be reimbursed the air fare and it is not possible for the ICFTU to cover the travel costs of participants wishing only to attend the OECD meeting.

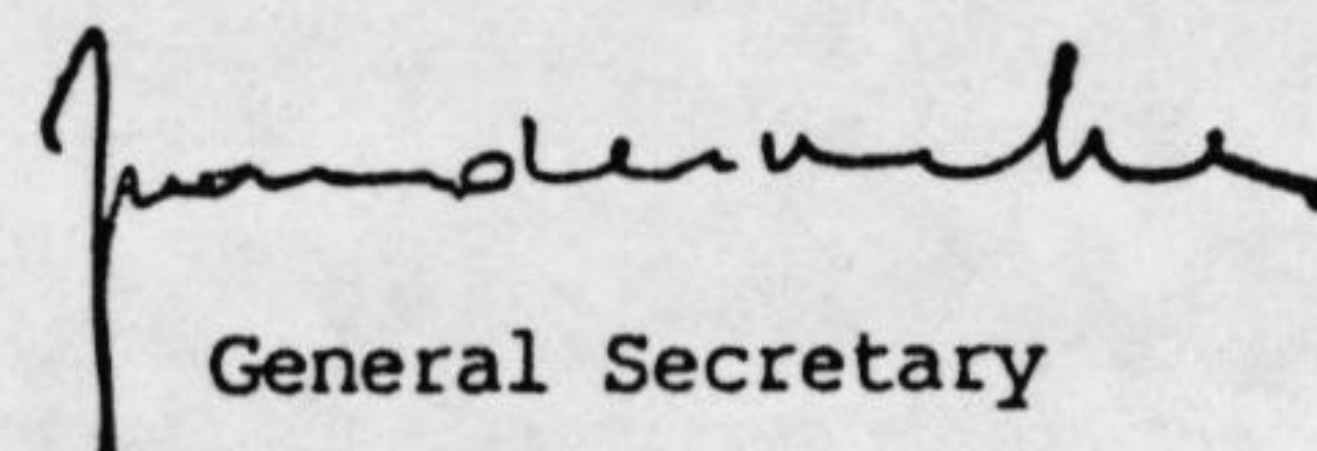
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Please indicate whether your representative would be willing to act as a panelist at the OECD meeting if required. Please note also that the OECD meeting will be held in English only. The ICFTU/ITS Working Party will, as usual, be in at least the four official ICFTU languages (English, Spanish, French and German).

We will be writing to you again with further details, in the meantime we look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

  
General Secretary

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TO GENERAL SECRETARY, COSATU  
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CONFERENCE ON LABOUR LAW- BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE-11-15 OCT.'89  
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COMRADES, U ARE REQUESTED TO SEND A DELEGATION OF 12 PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONFERENCE.

IF WE CUD BE FORWARDED WITH FULL PARTICULARS SO AS TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

YOURS IN THE WORKING CLASS STRUGGLE.  
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Mr. Jay Naidoo  
General Secretary  
Congress of South African Trade Unions  
Post Office Box 1019  
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(SOUTH AFRICA)

Dear Brother Naidoo:

The AFL-CIO will hold its 18th Biennial Constitutional Convention in Washington, D.C., at the Sheraton-Washington Hotel, from Monday, November 13, through Thursday, November 16, 1989.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to observe the Convention as well as attend the events related to the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the African-American Labor Center on November 17 and 18, 1989. If it is convenient, we suggest that you arrive in Washington by Friday, November 10, in order for you to participate in our pre-Convention meetings.

Please let AFL-CIO International Affairs Director Tom Kahn know if you plan to join us on these occasions as soon as possible so that our African-American Labor Center can begin making your travel and hotel arrangements.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the United States in November.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely and fraternally,

President



MOUVEMENT ANTI-APARTHEID

RECEIVED 01 AUG 1989

COSATU  
Khayo MADLALA  
PO BOX 1019  
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South Africa

Dear Comrades

Paris, July 25th 1989

You remember that during your visit in France, last December, we handed over to you an invitation for a Joint tour of Cosatu and Nactu representatives in France, from the 25th of September to the 15th of October this year (see copy attached).

We haven't received any confirmation of your agreement as we were supposed to get.

In fact, we would have written to you earlier, had we been sure to go ahead with the project - or to be obliged to cancel it. But some other projects beyond our control, which have been finalized only recently, led us eventually to postpone the tour, in order not to lessen the whole "impact" of it.

So, we stand by our proposal, as formulated in our letter of December 1988, but changing the dates for new ones in february/march 1990.

Before putting forward to you more precises dates, we would like to know whether you agree with us on the project.

Looking forward to hear from you,

Michel Mallet

General Secretary

Antoine Bouillon

President

Copy to General Secretary of COSATU and to NACTU





# MOUVEMENT ANTI-APARTHEID

B.P. 109 75463 PARIS cedex 10  
tel (1) 47 70 29 09

Paris, le 2 Décembre 1988

Re: Joint tour of COSATU and NACTU representatives in France

Dear Comrades,

Following the visit in France at the invitation of the CFDT of two representatives of COSATU and NACTU in Nov/Déc. 1988, the French Anti-Apartheid Movement (M.A.A.) invites COSATU and NACTU for a joint tour in France on September-October 1989.

This tour will take place in Paris and in 10 / 15 other towns throughout the country, for a duration of approximately three weeks (proposed period: 25.9. - 15.10. 1989, to be confirmed).

Three aspects will be emphasized:

1. The information about the situation of trade-unionism under apartheid to a large public: repression, working conditions, labour relations and labour laws, trade-unions work and workers' mobilisation, etc.

2. Information on, and action against French-South African collaboration, for sanctions and the isolation of the apartheid regime.

The focus will be placed by the M.A.A. on the involvement in South Africa of the french oil Company TOTAL, and on the national campaign for its withdrawal, as well as other ties, especially when the tour will be going through areas where French companies involved are based.

3. Exchange with French trade-unionists at national and local level, on respective experience in each country, especially in sectors in which disputes have been declared, and actions are waged by workers.

Solidarity action that can be proposed or to be developed with these unions for the following months and years.

4. It is proposed to organize public meetings, interviews with the medias, meetings with government representatives, regional and local elected people.

The tour will be organized and coordinated by the M.A.A., which will cover all expenses, including air fares from South Africa. The M.A.A. will ask for co-operation from French organizations involved in its

anti-apartheid campaigns, as well as trade-unions at national and local level, but will keep the entire responsibility of the organization of the tour.

Antoine Bouillon  
Président

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Michel Mallet

Secretary General

*M. Mallet*

P.S. We're expecting a written answer/agreement



M. Jay Naidoo,  
Secretary-General of COSATU.  
Fax (011) 834.65.28 (Johannesburg)

Greetings.

This is to renew our invitation for you to be present at our 20th anniversary Party congress to be held on 29th and 30th September and 1st October 1989 with the liberation struggle in Southern Africa as the main theme.

To-date, the following have confirmed their participation:-


ANC, UDF/MDM (Cassim Saloojee), Swapo, Frelimo, Socialist Party of France, Congress-I of India, Socialist Party of Senegal, Communist Party of China, 3 parties from Madagascar, 3 parties from Comoros, Communist Party of Réunion, SPPF of Seychelles, Communist Party of Soviet Union, PLO, Polisario, Fretilin of Timor, Fiji Labour Party.

It is possible also that the Erythrean People's Liberation Front of the Tigray People's Liberation will be present.

"Le Monde" daily of Paris and others will be present.

Plane ticket would follow confirmation and we would take charge of hotel accommodation and local transport.

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. Bérenger,  
Secretary-General of the MMM,  
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## Commonwealth Trade Union Council

### FAX

Mr J Naidoo  
General Secretary  
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SOUTH Africa

17 August 1989

Dear Jay

As in previous years we are seeking to arrange for members of the CTUC Steering Committee to meet with a number of Heads of Government before the opening of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting on 18 October.

At the Vancouver CHOGM CTUC representatives were able to meet with the Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada, Zambia, Barbados, and the UK Foreign Secretary.

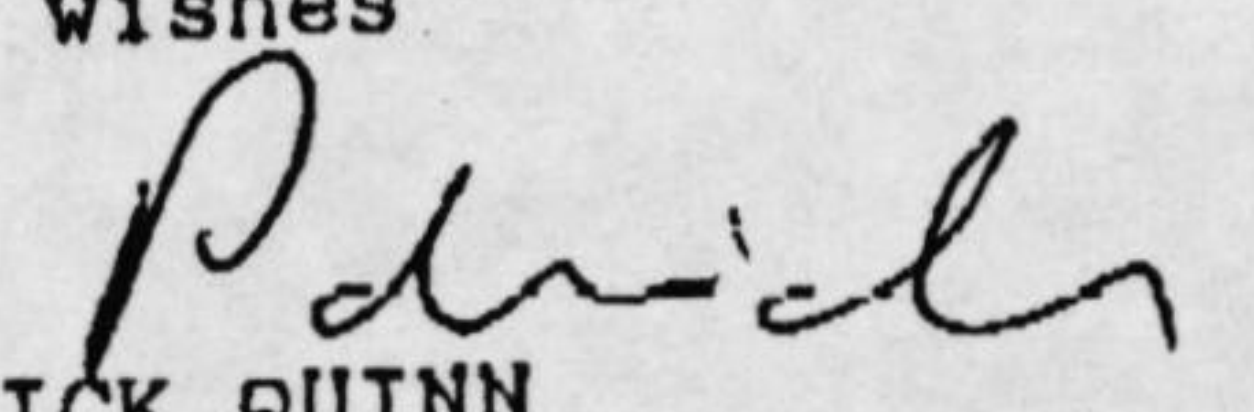
a representative to ~~join the committee~~ if COSATU wish to send if so who it will be. The representative would need to be in Kuala Lumpur from 14-19 October.

If COSATU are represented we would also, as on previous occasions, invite NACTU to send a representative.

If you wish to send a representative we would have to try to obtain special clearance from the Malaysian Authorities, as their standard entry requirements prohibit South African citizens entering the country.

■ ~~mean of this~~ if it would be helpful if you could let me have your views as soon as possible.

Best wishes

  
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Oslo, the ~~11th of July~~ 1989

18th of September

to the Congress of South African Trade Unions, COSATU

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA

We have the great honor of addressing this invitation to Your Organization for participating at the Namibian Conference in Oslo, Norway the 21st and 22nd of November. The occasion is the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Norwegian People's Aid.

We invite a representative from COSATU because of the important role You are playing in the liberation process of the southern Africa and of Namibia. We would also like to share Your experiences and advices concerning the role of the labour movement and the humanitarian organizations in the region. What will be the consequences for the region that Namibia now are being independant ?

We consider that the conference will have great importance when the Norwegian Labor Movement and the West European humanitarian organizations establish their policies towards Namibia and the region. We have already invited the President Sam Nujoma and the Secretary General Andimba Toivo ya Toivo of SWAPO, as well as the Secretary General Ben Ulenga of the National Union of Namibian Workers, the President of the Socialist International Willy Brandt and the Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg.

Please confirm that You have received this invitation. When the financing of the conference is approved by the Ministry of Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we will confirm this invitation. For further information turn to the attached page.

With kind Regards,  
NORSK FOLKEHJELP

Odd Wivegh  
Secretary General

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
Jan Erik Linstad  
Head of International Dept.

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Namibias independence - consequences for the Southern-African region.

1. What could be the role of the Norwegian and the international Labour movement in the liberation process in Southern Africa?

2. The role of the humanitarian organizations in this process and their role towards the new government in a free Namibia.

#### INVITEES:

We are inviting the following organizations:

Namibia: SWAPO, Council of Churches of Namibia CCN, National Union of Namibian Workers

South Africa: South African Council of Churches, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, COSATU and the African National Congress.

Mocambique: a representative from the Government.

Angola: a representative from the Government.

We will further invite representatives from the Socialist International, from the European Trade Unions and from the non-government humanitarian organizations.

#### WHO IS THE NORWEGIAN PEOPLE'S AID?

Npa was established by the Norwegian Federation of Trade Unions in 1939. NPA is one of Norway's largest voluntary humanitarian aid organisations, working both in our own country and abroad.

We are involved in more than 150 projects in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

We try to provide help quickly to countries that have gained their freedom and independence after long wars against dictators and colonial powers. In countries which have not yet been liberated, we cooperate with those who represent the future, i.e. local popular organizations and liberation movements.

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## FAX

TO: Jay Naidoo, COSATU

FROM: Patrick Quinn

DATE: 7 September 1989

RE: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

1. The CTUC is hoping to be able to submit a short written statement to the CHOGM meeting in Malaysia. The statement will cover the range of issues being discussed at the meeting.

I attach a copy of the section of the submission concerning South Africa. We need to forward the document to the Commonwealth Secretariat early next week and it would be helpful if you could let me have any views by Monday at the latest.

2. Further to my message of 17 August we need to know as soon as possible whether COSATU wish to send a representative to join the CTUC Steering Committee in meetings with individual Heads of Government and senior Ministers in Malaysia.

As I indicated in my earlier message because of Malaysian entry requirements we would need to try to organise special clearance for any representatives from South Africa.

Please let us know the position on this as soon as possible.

Best wishes

*Patrick*

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# FNV

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COSATU

Johannesburg

Att. Jay Naidoo, Secretary general.

UW DATUM EN REF:

BIJANTWOORD VERMELDEN: 68/102/112

DATUM: September 13, 1989

Dear Jay,

Amidst all the turmoil presently in South Africa and the impressive actions of COSATU and the MDM, I would like to ask your attention for the following:

In January 1990 a large-scale womens-conference will take place in Amsterdam, under the name Malibongwe. This conference focuses on the position of women in South African society. This conference is a.o. initiated by some anti-apartheids organisations, convened in "The foundation Malibongwe". The FNV and all its affiliates are closely connected to this foundation and therefore with the set-up of the conference. From all parts of South African society women are invited to participate in this conference. A leading role in The Netherlands is played by Connie Braams, whom you met during your stay in The Netherlands in January 1988.

As for the participation of FNV, it can be noted that we guarantee the participation (i.e. travel expenses and stay in The Netherlands) of 20 women.

In South Africa the counterpart of The foundation Malibongwe is FEDTRAW (c/o Abbey House, 2nd Floor, 57, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, Feroza Adams).

In our discussion with the organisers of the conference the FNV stressed that the FNV very much wants the trade-union-women from South Africa to be representatives of their organisations, which means that trade unions are to be involved in the selection process concerning the delegation. Via The foundation Malibongwe we put forward our ideas concerning the number of women and from which union they preferably come from. As indicated, the FNV very much adheres to the involvement of COSATU and its unions.

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Prior to the conference it is our intention to organise a number of meetings for our membership with the union-representatives of South Africa.

We would like to ask you to:

- put the matter to COSATU-unions in order to inform them on the Malibongwe-initiative and FNV's involvement;
- contact FEDTRAW in order to coordinate the representation of trade-union-women to the conference;
- inform FNV on the progress made.

The FNV-unions and the number of participants they can finance are the following:

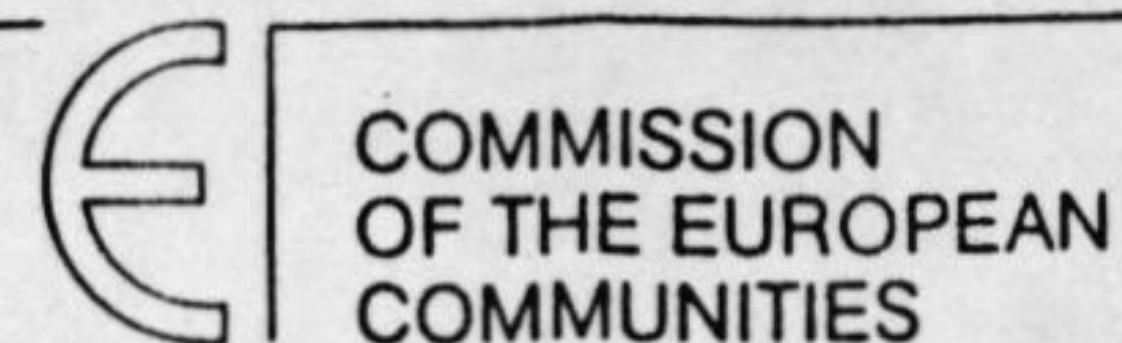
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Civil Servants' Union (3)  
Building Union (1)  
Commercial Union (1)  
Transport Union (1)  
Education Union (3)  
Foodworkers' Union (3)  
Police Union (1)  
FNV (3)

As soon as possible I send you more information.

Fraternally,

Wouter v.d. Schaaf,  
International Dept FNV.





Directorate-General for Development

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Brussels, 17.08.89\* 25053  
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RECEIVED 28 AUG 1989

Dear Mr Naidoo,

In the context of the Community's special programme of assistance to the victims of apartheid, the Commission welcomes the possibility to meet representatives of those organizations in South Africa which are in the forefront of the movement to bring about peaceful change and achieve the total abolition of apartheid.

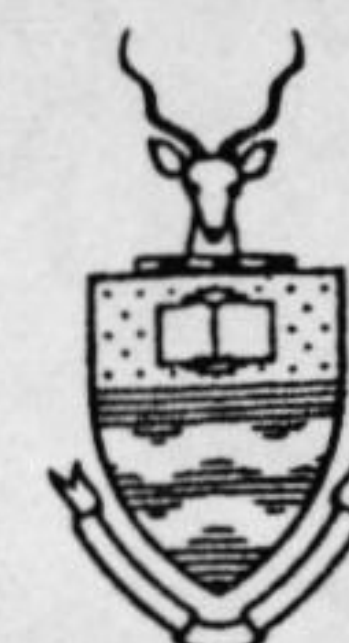
I would very much appreciate the opportunity, therefore, to meet yourself and COSATU's President and Vice-President, Mr Elijah BARAYI and Mr Christopher DLAMINI in September this year in Brussels. If you are able to accept this invitation, would you be good enough to propose an appropriate date for the meeting.

Where it is possible, I will also try to arrange a meeting with Vice-Presidents Marin and Andriessen, who I am sure would find it invaluable to hear at first hand COSATU's assessment of the situation in South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

Arge Pilegaard  
Acting Director-General

Mr Jay NAIDOO  
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22 August 1989

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Dear Jay

INVITATION FROM AL-HAQ

Repeated efforts to reach you by phone have been without success, so I resort to writing. I attach copies of an invitation and my reply thereto, received from Marty Rosenbluth in charge of the Labour Rights Project, Al-Haq.

Please let me know if COSATU has decided to send anyone so that I can liaise with that comrade.

Sincerely

REAGAN JACOBUS  
Centre for Applied Legal Studies





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Date:

14 August 1989

Dear Marty Rosenbluth

I am honoured to have received your invitation to come to the Occupied Territories. I am delighted to accept, and look forward to share with fellow trade unionists and labour lawyers the experiences and developments of the labour situation in South Africa.

Your letter took some time to reach me, and I apologise for replying only now. I suggest that we utilise the facsimile to avoid any further delays.

I would have liked to travel to the West Bank in due course but unfortunately this is not possible. Due to a prior commitment I am travelling to New York in four weeks and will return to Johannesburg at the end of September. I am thus able to visit you only during October. If this period does not suit you please let me know so that different arrangements may be made in time.

I have not yet been in touch with the person that COSATU has agreed to send, but am awaiting word from Jay Naidoo in this regard.

Once more, I thank you most sincerely for this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

*Joan Cameron*

for REAGAN JACOBUS  
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10 June 1989  
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Dear Mr. Jocusbus,

Al-Haq is a Palestinian human rights organisation and the West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists. As you are probably aware al-Haq has long had a strong working relationship with Professor John Dugard, who presented a paper at our conference in January 1988. As an organisation concerned with basic human rights, we have been paying particular attention to worker and trade union rights, and have established a Labour Rights Project to deal with this issue. In the context of this project, we have worked to establish an exchange of information and experience between trade unions and lawyers here and abroad on issues relating to workers' rights and the right to organise.

We have recently received a small grant from ICCO in Holland to bring a trade unionist and a labor lawyer from South Africa to the West Bank and Gaza. We would like to invite you, along with a unionist from COSATU, to come to the Occupied Territories for a period of about two weeks. I am enclosing a copy of the proposal that we sent to ICCO in order to give you an idea of what the mandate of the mission would be, as well as some information about al-Haq. I am also sending, under separate cover, documentation on the situation of workers and unions here.

We were referred to you by Ms. Lilia Bylos, who mentioned that there was a possibility that you might be leaving CALS to work for the National Mine Workers Union. If this is the case and you need an invitation sent to the union directly, please let us know and we would be happy to send one.

Al-Haq would cover all your transportation and lodging expenses, as well as giving you a per diem to cover your expenses while you are here. We have tentatively planned on the tour being in August, but can postpone it a bit if that is more convenient. We are sending a separate invitation to COSATU. If you agree to come we can put you in touch with the person COSATU will send so you can coordinate with them directly.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and to meeting you personally. If you have any comments or questions on the mandate for the mission, please feel free to send them to me. If you have access to a facsimile, our number is 00972-2-828-950.

Most sincerely,

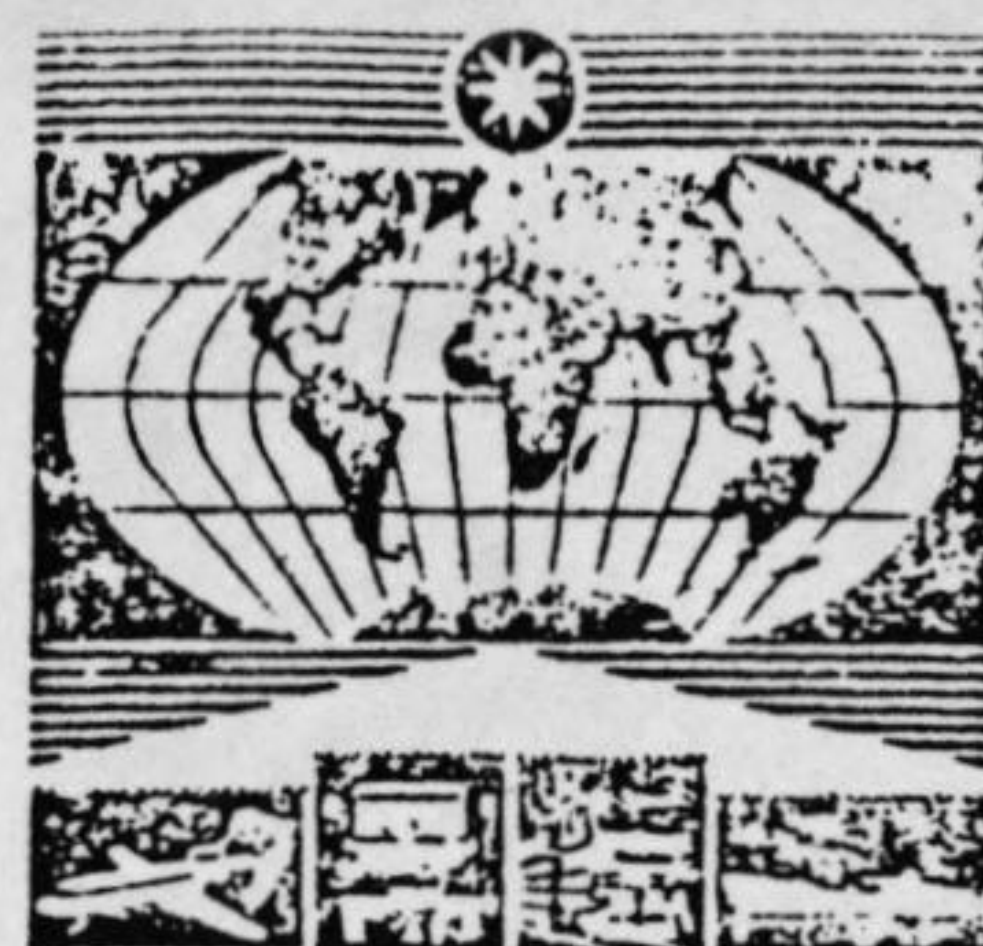
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Subject: Convocation of the 10th International Conference

Dear Brothers,

The 10th International Trade Conference of Transport, Port and Fishery Workers is hereby convoked to be held in Sofia, the capital of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, on April 23-28, 1990.

The Conference being a global forum of transport trade unions shall discuss the working and living conditions of transport workers in countries under all different social systems, the problems confronted by the transport trade unions, their activities and struggles for safeguarding workers' interests, the experience of international cooperation in the past and the tasks for developing unity and solidarity for future struggles.

The principal theme for discussion at the conference is to be:

- The impact of technological changes, industrial restructuring and the world economic situation on the transport industry and the consequences for transport workers and their trade unions;
- The trends of privatisation, deregulation, flagging out, rationalisation, take-overs, mergers, inter-modal imbalances and domination of monopolies gaining ground in different branches of transport and the tasks of trade unions for safeguarding the interests of workers;
- The need for economic development, especially for expansion of transport, on the basis of an equitable international economic order, the resources required being made available by further measures of disarmament and assured conditions of peace;

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- The necessity of the widest possible unity of the transport trade unions and their international organisations, for protecting workers against attacks on their hard won economic and social gains as well as attacks on their trade union rights and ensuring for them proper purchasing power, congenial working conditions, safety, social security and democratic integrated transport policies.

Apart from the Plenary Sessions, there will be section meetings during the conference where representatives of the various branches and regions will discuss specific professional and branch issues, and suitable recommendations and tasks will be drawn up.

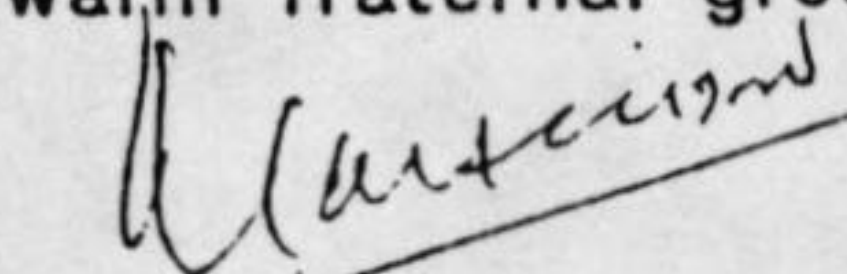
As a long standing practice and tradition, our conference is open to representatives of all trade unions of transport, port and fishery workers, regardless of national and international affiliation and orientation. All participants, delegates, observers and guests can take part in the discussions with equal rights, both in the Plenary Sessions and in the branch and regional meetings.

We believe that the participation of your representative(s) in our conference will help to bring about a wider exchange of opinions on problems common to all transport workers and contribute to the strengthening of unity, fraternal co-operation and solidarity among all trade unions of transport, port and fishery workers in the struggle for better working and living conditions, for defending and extending trade union and democratic rights, for democracy, national independence, social progress and peace.

We shall be obliged if you could kindly let us know at your earliest convenience, but not later than 30th November, 1989, whether it will be possible for your union to accept our invitation to participate in the 10th International Trade Conference of Transport, Port and Fishery Workers. In case of an affirmative reply, please name the participant(s).

Upon receipt of your reply we shall forward to you further details regarding the conference and the draft documents before the 31st of January, 1990.

Looking forward to a positive reply, with warm fraternal greetings,

  
K.C. Mathew  
General Secretary

P.S. Since we do not dispose of the address of the transport workers' union, we would like to kindly request you to convey this convocation letter to the transport workers' union of your organisation.