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President Oliver Tambo
African National Congress
P.O. Box 31791
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Dear Mr. Tambo,

For many years, and with increasing concern, the World

Alliance of Reformed Churches has been following the developments
On several occasions it condemned unequivocally
in South Africa.
the system of apartheid and gave its moral support to a struggle
for a more just order of society.
in Ottawa (1982), it reiterated this position and decided to
suspend its two white south african member churches from the
privileges of membership.
a copy of the statement which we adopted at that time ("Resolution
on Racism and South Africa").

For your information, I am enclosing

At its last General Council

The events which have taken place in the course of the

last years suggest that an exchange of views between the World
Alliance of Reformed Churches and the African National Congress
I should therefore like to inquire
might be of mutual benefit.
whether an informal contact with you or other leaders of the
African National Congress could be arranged in the near future.
It would be much easier for the Alliance if the conversation
I should therefore be grateful if
could take place in Europe.
you could let me know whether you have any travel plans within
the next months.

The World Alliance of Reformed Churches is,a group

of 159 churches (Reformed, Presbyterian, Congregational, United)
in about 80 countries.

At our last General Council, the Rev. Dr. Allan A.

Boesak has become our President.

Yours sincerely?!

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