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(Mr. Takeshi Oh-e, Zenroren President)

We are very much pleased to meet you, Mr. Nelson Mandela, a representative of the South African people.

On behalf of the National Confederation of Trade Unions (Zenroren), I express our deep respects to Mr. Mandela who has been struggling in: in defiance of the long years of political oppression.

Your struggle has impressively taught the peoples of the world that the apartheid is a grave crime to the whole mankind. We understand that your struggle is an effort at the risk of the life of a great leader, Mr. Mandela, and at the same time, is a wholehearted cry of the peoples including the South African who are suffering from and fighting against apartheid and racism throughout the world.

We Zenroren is working for the establishment of national politics based on democracy, justice and eqality, standing on the position of the Japanese working class.

We wish the Victory of the struggle of the South African people and the accomplishment of your aims as soon as possible. For this, we will intensify our action towards the Japanese government and monopoly big corporations.

We hope solidarity and co-operation between workers and people of Japan and South Africa. To conclude my welcome greetings, I express that Zenroren promise its utmost effort for further strengthening of our solidarity. Thank you.