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The negotiations process in South Africa is back on track and the vast majority of South_African people are eagerly awaiting its successful conclusion.

The holding, in the forseeable future. of democratic elections for a Constituent Aseembly will close a sad chapter in our history and will open up a new era oi peace. stability and social progress.

For many years. the issue of apartheid has dominated the attention of the world. The Anti-apartheid struggle gave rise to an unprecedented Movement of Solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa.9anctions became an important element in our overall strategy and undoubtedly played a crucial role in bringing about an end to apartheid.

It is therefore fitting that as we enter one of the most decisive stages in the history of our Nation. we meet with representatives of the International Solidarity Movement not only jointly to work out initiatives that will ensure that democratic foundations are firmly established in this year, but will also enable us to take measures that will help us consolidate and defend the new 'democracy.

issues such as sanctions. investments, trade. development. skills training and aid are all important matters that can affect prospects for growth and development in a democratic South Africa.

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In order to mobilise maximum understanding and support for a democratic South Africa. the ANC is organising a.major solidarity conference in Johannesburg from 19-21 February. 1993 under the theme - FRGM APARTHEID TO PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT. (See programme attached).

Some 500 international and national delegates representing solidarity groups. political parties, religious organisations, trade unions, cultural and sporting organisations and business groups are expected to attend. Outstanding personalities such as the Under Secretary for Public Affairs at the United Nations will. on behalf of the UN Secretary General grace the conference. World Boxing champion. Riddick Howe and Chess Grandmaster. Anatoly Karpov. Will not only attend the conference but will also conduct clinice in their respective sporting codes for the deprived masses of our pacple.

This international conference will be one of the most representative gatherings Of people ever assembled in South Africa. The coming together of so many distinguished delegates reflects the continuing commitment of the international community to the issues confronting the people of South Africa. The ANC is confident that conference will help to consolidate the relations between the people of South Africa and peoples throughout the world. It will also lay the basis for all-round commitment and support to a future democratic South Africa. The ANC and the vast majority of the South African people look forward to welcoming all the delegates to this historic conference.

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