

APPEAL TO THE ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear Friends,

The events that have taken place in your country over the last months renew our belief in your unshakable determination not to succumb to repression. The history of resistance by the South African people is the best guarantee that South Africa will be a united, democratic and anti-racist country where people of all ethnic groups, races and religions can live together in peace and harmony.

We are aware of the conditions for negotiations with the government that have been put forward by the anti-apartheid forces in South Africa. However, we would like to ask you to add one more condition — and that is, an end to all acts of destabilisation launched from South African territory against Mozambique and the rest of southern Africa.

One day, and we hope it will be soon, a government elected by all the South African people will guide the destinies of your country. This government will need peace throughout the region so that southern Africa, as a whole and working together, can meet with enthusiasm the huge challenges of regional development and the grave injustices that separate the rich countries from the impoverished countries of the world. Like you, we too believe that southern Africa has the potential wealth and the culture of resistance capable of bringing together future efforts for a new international economic order.

None of this can be realised if the destabilisation unleashed against Mozambique and other parts of southern Africa is allowed to continue. Renamo groups are already attacking, killing and destroying in Zimbabwe and Zambia. The effects of their activities have already been felt on the economies of Malawi and Swaziland. Their policy of terror is now being used, by the same forces that keep Renamo alive, to terrorise people inside South Africa. Tomorrow, South Africa itself could become the victim of the holocaust embarked upon in Mozambique.

Dear Friends,

The destinies of the people of southern Africa are intimately linked through a complex web of cultural, social, political and economic interdependency. The apartheid system that still oppresses you is the same that initiated the aggression against the Mozambican people. There are not two apartheid, one that operates inside South Africa and another in the region. The Mozambicans who died as victims of terrorism perished under the same flag of struggle that covers your dead. The forces that direct and finance the slaughter in Mozambique are the same ones that today are preparing to destabilise your own future.

In the light of all this, we appeal to you to make your voices heard for peace in Mozambique. At the same time as you proceed with your just struggle, demand that the current government dismantle the whole apparatus that still nourishes the genocide of the Mozambican people. To wait any longer, or to hold off until the end of apartheid, threatens the stability and wellbeing of future generations.