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MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1992

Dear Public Official:

The situation in South Africa is dire. Today, the mass movement for democracy led by the African National Congress (ANC) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) embarks on a week of escalated mass action against the De Klerk government to:

1. Stop the violence and end state-sponsored death squads;
2. Establish an Interim Government and democratic elections;
3. Halt unilateral economic restructuring by the government.

There will be seven days of unprecedented action, beginning today with a two-day General Strike, and leading up to Sunday, South African Women's Day, with religious activities for Peace and Democracy. These actions are expected to involve many millions of South Africans.

Please take a few minutes to do the following today:

*Send a message to President De Klerk including the above demands.

*Send a message to President Bush to put pressure on De Klerk.

*Send a message of solidarity to Nelson Mandela (ANC) and Jay Naidoo (COSATU).

You'll find addresses and fax numbers on the attached sheet. Please notify us of your action with copies of your messages.

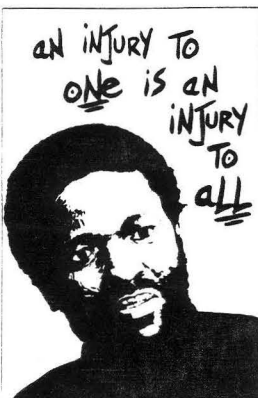
We are sending delegations to other public officials to ask they do the same. Other actions will also take place in Chicago this week. We've also taken an ad in the Johannesburg Star (a copy is attached), and will get reports from observers in South Africa.

COSATU, in its request of July 27, said that "We are making this appeal in the profound conviction that you will help us rid the world and the country of the crime against humanity - the scourge of apartheid. Join us in saying that 'ONE MORE DAY OF APARTHEID IS ONE MORE DAY TOO LONG.' AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL."

Thank you for your immediate response to this request.

In solidarity,

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Send message to PRESIDENT F. W. De KLERK
Republic of South Africa
Pretoria 00001, South Africa FAX 011-27-11-323-3982

Send message to PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
 White House
 Washington, DC PHONE 1-202-456-1414

Send messages of Solidarity in support of mass democratic action in South Africa to:

JAY NAIDOO
General Secretary, COSATU
National Acceptance House
P. O. Box 1019
Johannesburg 2000
South Africa

FAX 011-27-11-834-6528
or -834-3008

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AUGUST 3 - 9, 1992: WEEK OF MASS DEMOCRATIC ACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Advertisement for the Johannesburg Star

August 3, 1992

"The people of South Africa --
including the disenfranchised black majority --
have the right to choose their government."

NATIONAL PROTEST AUGUST 3RD

We American trade unionists condemn the failure of the South African government to negotiate in good faith to end apartheid, and to control political violence instigated by government police and security forces in complicity with Inkatha vigilantes. The South African government has the ultimate power and responsibility to stop political violence, and to establish a climate for free political activity in which democracy can take hold.

We stand in solidarity with the democratic labor movement and its demand for:

- swift negotiations to establish a new, truly representative government based on the principle of one person, one vote and;
- an immediate halt to all privatization and economic restructuring by the current regime, until such government is elected.

We fully support the right of South African workers to organise, and demand the immediate rehiring of 15,000 workers recently fired for exercising their right to strike. We pledge continued pressure for economic sanctions until a truly democratic government is established in South Africa.

(NY Labor Committee Against Apartheid,
Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid,
and others)