



# FREE SOUTH AFRICA



Dear Friend of a Free South Africa,

The February release of Nelson Mandela, after 27 years of unjust imprisonment, was a promise fulfilled -- and it is an occasion for joy throughout the world.

But in our celebration of this joyous event, we must not for an instant lose sight of the simple fact that the promise of a democratic South Africa is still not fulfilled.

Negotiations between the African National Congress and the de Klerk regime have still not begun. A constitutional convention process has still not been established. And legally and politically, 27 million black South Africans still swelter under the oppressive weight and dehumanizing shame of the most racist nation on earth.

That's why our immediate task is to mobilize the American people in demanding that the U.S. Congress look through the euphoria over the release of Nelson Mandela and his colleagues to political reality.

The political reality is that these critical first steps taken by the de Klerk government were brought about because of the economic pressures being exerted on South Africa by international sanctions. Sanctions which your personal support and commitment helped enact.

BUT ... as long as the promise of a truly democratic South Africa still remains unfulfilled, we must continue to keep these sanctions in place. In fact, it could be disastrous to our fight of ending Apartheid if these sanctions were prematurely lifted or even relaxed.

And yet at this very moment, powerful right-wing forces within the U.S. Congress are seizing upon the release of Nelson Mandela as "positive proof" that the government of South Africa has suddenly changed. And that we should now, as a nation, return to a totally uninvolved, passive role -- the kind of position we fought against so valiantly during the Reagan Administration -- by lifting our sanctions against South Africa.

Although the long-overdue release of Nelson Mandela and the legalization of the African National Congress are essential and historic steps forward in bringing freedom and genuine democracy to black South Africans -- they are, as Senator Ted Kennedy points out in his letter to you, "only the first steps on this long and painful road to freedom."

That's why I urge you to take the following crucial actions today:

First ... please sign the enclosed Citizen Petition to President Bush and your Members of Congress. Urge them to keep all sanctions in place until after a one-person, one-vote democracy is firmly established there. Return these critically



important signed petitions to me and I will make sure that they -- along with tens of thousands of others -- are presented to the White House and to your Members of Congress.

Second, ... please enclose with your signed petitions your most generous contribution to TransAfrica's FINAL ROAD TO FREEDOM FUND and rush it back to us today. Only you can help us accelerate our political fight to end Apartheid once and for all!

Although together we have played a significant role through our commitment to the Free South Africa Movement here in America, we must also salute the extraordinary courage and sacrificial commitment of many unknown black South Africans.

For more than 40 years, men, women and children have endured nightmarish terrors in the torture chambers. They have seen their loved ones gunned down in the streets, set upon by police dogs and teargassed. They have had their churches desecrated and the burials of their dead interrupted by government forces.

We dare not be naive and forget the brutal facts and the kind of political mentality still operative among the leaders of South Africa.

Although millions of South Africans are closer to freedom, we must not lose sight of the fact that true freedom still remains to be won. True freedom as Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Tutu and other black South Africans have pointed out, is nothing less than total and complete enfranchisement -- one person, one vote.

We must therefore drive home the point to our fellow Americans and the world that the release of Nelson Mandela and the legalization of the African National Congress is only a beginning. That is why we urgently need your continuing support.

We must make it crystal clear to de Klerk that his promises to move South Africa closer to democracy "someday" are not sufficient reason to lift sanctions.

We and all persons of conscience throughout the world demand deeds -- not just promises. For we are totally in agreement with the African National Congress on the political agenda from here on: Mr. de Klerk must move quickly to identify and implement a specific constitutional process to make one-person, one-vote a legal and political reality for all South Africans.

But President de Klerk will only move to create foundational political change if he is totally convinced that the U.S. government will hold the line on all existing sanctions -- and not let up on its pressure until after the process for a one-person, one-vote democracy is firmly in place.

That's why we must remind the American public and our political leaders that the basic pillars of Apartheid still stand strong. Nelson Mandela cannot vote in the land of his birth. Nor can Nobel Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu or millions of others.

At the very time when some powerful right-wing members of Congress are urging the lifting of all economic sanctions, we must make it clear that



there is still a "POPULATION REGISTRATION ACT" which classifies Nelson Mandela and every other South African by race. That the South African government still has in full force the "GROUP AREAS ACT" forbidding persons of color from living in the neighborhood of their choice,

It also still has in force its "LAND ACTS" which reserve 87% of South Africa's land for the white citizenry -- who make up only 14% of the population. And there are still more than 800 political prisoners caged in one of the most brutal prison systems on earth, because of their protest against a repressive and brutal regime.

AND ... we must face the stark truth that most of South Africa's ruling white minority remains bitterly opposed to yielding real power to the black majority they've oppressed for so long.

Unless we step up our actions now, we will see the heavily funded right-wing lobby succeed in pressuring our Congress to lift the vitally important current sanctions. We dare not let that happen!

And we must be alert to the fact that the government of South Africa spends millions of dollar each year in influence-peddling in Washington, D.C. to change American public opinion and influence members of Congress to do its bidding.

That's why it's crucial that we expand our efforts now to rapidly accelerate our lobbying of both President Bush and Congress. To increase political support from the American people through our Petition Campaign.

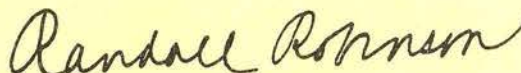
As you can see, right now we stand at a moment of great hope and great danger. That is why your redoubled commitment now is absolutely crucial!

Thanks to your generous past support, we have achieved many milestones on the long road to freedom in South Africa. I am deeply grateful for your outstanding commitment.

But we must prepare for the arduous battles ahead with Congress, President Bush and right-wing elements who oppose the creation of a genuine democracy in South Africa.

I'm firmly convinced that with your continued support today we will move far to victory on this final road to freedom! One day soon, we will rejoice together as we join hands with millions of men and women in Africa and cheer the end of Apartheid and the birth of a new and long overdue era of democracy.

For a Free South Africa,



Randall Robinson  
Executive Director

P.S. Because President Bush and Congress may be making long-term changes in American policy towards South Africa within the next few weeks, it's crucial we receive your signed petitions and your generous contribution to our FINAL ROAD TO FREEDOM FUND right away. Thank you again for all your help.

EDWARD M. KENNEDY  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



Dear Friend of a Free South Africa,

When Nelson Mandela was finally released from prison, in his very first public statements he credited international sanctions as having been instrumental in bringing about the impressive steps being taken toward a new South Africa -- hopefully a free South Africa.

However, because his release and the legalization of the African National Congress are only the first steps on this long and painful road to freedom, we cannot -- we must not -- in any way relax these sanctions.

To ensure good faith and greater progress, we must insist that the current international sanctions be maintained in full force. I believe it would be grossly premature to lift all or part of them. And I personally deplore the recent decision by Prime Minister Thatcher to end Great Britain's ban on new investment in South Africa.

It is imperative that you and I and the United States government continue to play active roles in hastening the earliest possible end of the abhorrent system of Apartheid.

That's why it is so crucial for you personally to continue your support of a Free South Africa by signing the enclosed citizen petitions. Let President Bush and your members of Congress know that you and millions of Americans urge them to stand firm on all existing sanctions.

After struggling so hard and long, we must not settle for half a loaf when so many courageous South Africans have died, been brutally tortured, and have endured decades of subhuman imprisonment to win their birthright of human freedom and dignity!

In recent months, we've seen an extraordinary tide of freedom and democracy sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression in Europe. As 1989 marked the year of freedom for Eastern Europe -- so 1990 must become, with our help, the year of true freedom for South Africa.

We must keep the pressure on President de Klerk to complete all the necessary steps required to establish

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political negotiations and reconstitute the government of South Africa based on a one-person, one-vote standard of equal participation.

In closing, I want to applaud the tireless and outstanding work of TransAfrica under the able and persistently bold leadership of Randall Robinson. He has done more than any American to advocate creative change and a just settlement for all the people of South Africa.

Randall has been "the 101st Senator" in all our political debates on Apartheid.

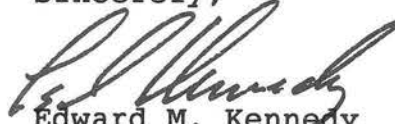
In 1986 we could not have overridden Ronald Reagan's veto of the sanctions legislation without Randall Robinson's crucial leadership.

And today -- with his and your continued total commitment -- we shall make certain that our vitally important sanctions are keep firmly in place.

Together we can make sure that 1990 becomes the year when the "promised gift" of democracy becomes a reality in fact for all the people of that strife-torn land.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy  
U.S. Senator

P.S. Please take a few minutes to read Randall Robinson's letter outlining the next steps in our crucial fight to end Apartheid and then join us in adding your wholehearted support. Thank you for your strong personal commitment.



\*\*\* FINAL ROAD TO FREEDOM FUND \*\*\*

YES, I WANT TO HELP expand the resources available to keep the pressure on Congress and President Bush to maintain all economic sanctions—until one-person, one-vote democracy becomes a constitutional reality in South Africa. I'm enclosing my signed petition to President Bush and my members of Congress along with my special FINAL ROAD TO FREEDOM FUND contribution for:

\$30      \*  \$40       Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

\* Please consider a gift of this amount—it's urgently needed. Thanks.

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CITIZEN PETITION TO PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

Dear Mr. President,

The government of South Africa continues to maintain the oppressive pillars of Apartheid through The Group Areas Act, The Land Acts, and The Population Registration Act. I urge you, as the leader of The Free World, to stand firm in support of all existing economic sanctions and call upon President de Klerk to actively demonstrate his good faith by quickly convening a constitutional convention for the creation of a one-person, one-vote democracy.

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CITIZEN PETITION TO U.S. SENATOR

Dear Senate Majority Leader Mitchell,

The government of South Africa continues to maintain the oppressive pillars of Apartheid through The Group Areas Act, The Land Acts, and The Population Registration Act. I urge you as my elected Senator to stand firm in support of all existing sanctions and urge President Bush, as foreign policy leader of our nation, to call upon President de Klerk to demonstrate his good faith by quickly convening a constitutional convention for the creation of a one-person, one-vote democracy.

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CITIZEN PETITION TO U.S. SENATOR

Dear Senate Minority Leader Dole,

The government of South Africa continues to maintain the oppressive pillars of Apartheid through The Group Areas Act, The Land Acts, and The Population Registration Act. I urge you as my elected Senator to stand firm in support of all existing sanctions and urge President Bush, as foreign policy leader of our nation, to call upon President de Klerk to demonstrate his good faith by quickly convening a constitutional convention for the creation of a one-person, one-vote democracy.

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CITIZEN PETITION TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Representative Fauntroy,

The government of South Africa continues to maintain the oppressive pillars of Apartheid through The Group Areas Act, The Land Acts, and The Population Registration Act. I urge you, as my elected Representative to stand firm in support of all existing sanctions and urge President Bush, as foreign policy leader of our nation, to call upon President de Klerk to quickly convene a constitutional convention for the creation of a one-person, one-vote democracy.

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