

PRIME MINISTER

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Ambassador has sent down the attached text of a statement by President Botha. He was particularly anxious that you should see it. It does not seem to me very helpful, rather the reverse. Dr. Worrall added that the South African Government realised the importance of achieving some positive developments before the meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government in August. I said that I was glad to hear this. I knew that you attached particular importance to the position of Mr. Mandela. Dr. Worrall said that this point was well taken, but his release would need to be carefully handled, with clear understandings about what would happen after it. I said that I thought you saw the necessity for this. I urged Dr. Worrall to stay in touch discreetly.

I am not passing this on to the Foreign Office.

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THE STATE PRESIDENT'S TELEVISION STATEMENT OF
12 JUNE 1986 REGARDING THE DECLARATION OF
A STATE OF EMERGENCY

"THERE ARE TIMES IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONS WHEN A CHOICE BETWEEN UNPLEASANT ALTERNATIVES IS INEVITABLE.

THE CHOICE BETWEEN WAR AND A DISHONOURABLE, FEARFUL PEACE IS SUCH AN EXAMPLE. —

THE DECISION TO ANNOUNCE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AS I HAVE DONE TODAY, ALSO REPRESENTS SUCH A CHOICE.

I REALISE THAT THERE IS CONCERN IN THE HEARTS OF SOUTH AFRICANS ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN OUR COUNTRY, AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL THREAT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY.

I NOW WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU MY VIEWS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH WHICH WE HAVE TO CONTEND AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THEM.

THE SECURITY FORCES ARE THE FRIENDS OF EACH PEACE-LOVING AND LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS OF THEM TO, AT ALL TIMES, ACT IN SUCH A WAY THAT THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS.

IT IS HOWEVER ALSO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE THE LAW, TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AND TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY.

THE GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THEY SOMETIMES HAVE TO PERFORM THIS TASK UNDER EXTREME PROVOCATION, IN DANGER OF THEIR LIVES AND UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES CONCEIVABLE.

SOUTH AFRICA DEEPLY APPRECIATES WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND THEY ENJOY OUR FULL SUPPORT IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR TASK TO EXTERMINATE UTTERLY VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS IN THE INTEREST OF LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE OF PEACE OF ALL POPULATION GROUPS.

THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO REFORM, BUT WILL DO ONE THING AND NOT NEGLECT THE OTHER. —

THE GRIEF AND SUFFERING OF THE NEXT OF KIN AND VICTIMS OF COWARDLY LAND-MINE ATTACKS AND HORRIBLE BURNING, DOES NOT ESCAPE US.

WE SHALL PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF PEACE-LOVING SOUTH AFRICANS WITH THE FULL POWER AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE STATE.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES OF REFORM BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT IS RIGHT AND SEE IT AS OUR DUTY.

IN THIS RESPECT I WANT TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT NEITHER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AT LARGE, NOR ANY PARTICULAR STATE, WILL DICTATE TO US WHAT THE CONTENTS OF OUR POLITICAL PROGRAMME SHOULD BE.

WE HAVE TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY.

WE HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.

THEREFORE WE OURSELVES WILL FIND SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS AND WE WILL MAKE THEM WORK.

LET NO-ONE DOUBT THIS.

I WILL NOT BEG THE WORLD TO GRANT RECOGNITION TO THE REFORM MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN AND ARE PLANNING, BUT NEITHER AM I GOING TO CLOSE MY EYES TO THE SYNDROME WHICH IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY EVERYWHERE - THAT MY COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE MUST BE PUNISHED.

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT INDIFFERENT TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE GOVERNMENT REALISES THE REALITY OF AND THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AND POLITICAL CO-OPERATION.

THAT IS WHY WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN SANCTIONS AND BOYCOTTS.

I DO NOT WANT TO BRING SANCTIONS OVER MY COUNTRY.

I DO HOWEVER WANT TO STATE CLEARLY THAT IT IS ALSO NOT IN THE INTEREST OF MY COUNTRY TO CONTINUALLY STAND UNDER THE THREAT OF SANCTIONS.

IT MUST THUS BE VERY CLEAR IN FUTURE THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE HUMILIATED IN ORDER TO PREVENT SANCTIONS.

IF WE HAVE TO BE DEPENDENT ON OUR CREATOR AND OUR OWN ABILITY ALONE, THEN I SAY: LET IT BE.

WE HAVE THE FAITH, THE INHERENT ABILITY AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES TO ENSURE OUR FUTURE. WHOEVER UNDERESTIMATES THAT FACT, DOES SO TO HIS OWN DISADVANTAGE.

I DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE SACRIFICES AND PROBLEMS THAT SANCTIONS WILL BRING. I DO NOT THINK THAT IT WILL BE IN

OUR INTEREST, OR IN THAT OF OUR NEIGHBOURING STATES, OR THAT OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS. BUT SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT CRAWL BEFORE ANYONE TO PREVENT IT AND IF IT HAS TO COME, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT IT IS TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN THE LONG TERM.

I THUS SAY TO SOUTH AFRICANS NOT TO BE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.

INVEST IN YOUR COUNTRY.

INVEST YOUR LABOUR, YOUR INITIATIVE AND YOUR CAPITAL IN YOUR COUNTRY.

DO NOT ALLOW THE THREAT OF SANCTIONS OR THE FACT THEREOF TO DETER YOU.

DO NOT ALLOW VIOLENCE AND THE THREAT THEREOF TO DETER YOU.

IT MAY TAKE LONGER BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR RETURN, BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE IT IN DOUBLE MEASURE.

WE WILL ALL HAVE TO MAKE INVESTMENTS IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY ACCORDING TO OUR ABILITY AND NOT ACCORDING TO SHORT TERM OWN INTEREST.

IT WILL DEMAND SACRIFICES FROM US ALL.

BUT IS WILL NEVER BE EXPECTED OF US TO SERVE BEYOND OUR ABILITY.

TO THOSE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHO ARE AND WILL REMAIN PREPARED TO RESIST THE DEMANDS FOR SANCTIONS, I SAY THIS: YOUR REWARD IS NOT TO BE FOUND IN ANY RIGHT TO DICTATE THE CONTENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S DOMESTIC POLICIES - THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY SOUTH AFRICANS THEMSELVES WITH REFERENCE TO THE DICTATES OF JUSTICE AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS COUNTRY.

YOUR REWARD WILL BE WHAT IT ORDINARILY SHOULD BE - A RELIABLE TRADING PARTNER AND A RELIABLE SUPPLIER. ALTHOUGH WE ACCEPT THAT THERE ARE LEADERS WHO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE WELL-BEING AND THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY, I AM CONSTRAINED TO SAY THAT I DO NOT ACCEPT ANY HOLIER THAN THOU PONTIFICATION FROM WHATEVER QUARTER.

I ALSO REJECT OUT OF HAND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT THIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN OR CAN BE FORCED TO ADAPT ITS POLICIES. WE ADAPT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT TO BE RIGHT AND TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL SOUTH AFRICANS. PERIOD.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT WE ARE A PEACELOVING NATION INTENT ON SOLVING OUR INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN SO JUST AND FAIR A MANNER AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.

WE DESIRE PEACE AND SOUND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

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WE DESERVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING - NOT PUNISHMENT
OF ANY SORT.

COMMITTED AS WE ARE TO PEACE AND NORMAL INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, THE WORLD MUST TAKE NOTE AND NEVER FORGET THAT
WE ARE NOT A NATION OF WEAKLINGS.

WE DO NOT DESIRE IT AND WE DO NOT SEEK IT, BUT IF WE ARE
FOCED TO GO IT ALONE, THEN SO BE IT.

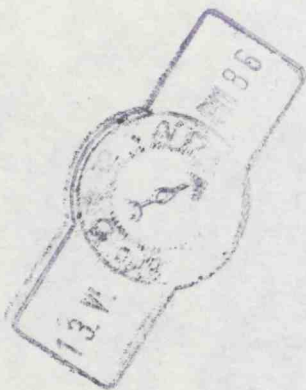
IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN, IT MUST NOT BE EXPECTED OF US TO BE
PARTISAN. WE WILL INSIST ON BEING NEATRAL IN MATTERS OF AN
INTERNATIONAL NATURE AND WE WILL TRADE WITH HOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH DO NOT ALLOW IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES TO INFLUENCE
ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

TO ALL SOUTH AFRICANS I SAY THIS: WE HAVE THE CAPACITY AND
THE FAITH TO BUILD A GREAT AND PROSPEROUS NATION.

AS OF NOW, LET US DO IT.

LET US DO IT

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Dear Mr Powell

I think the Prime Minister should see this statement. We have only just received it.

Sincerely

Denis Worrall

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