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PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Prime Minister,

One of the most significant decisions taken at the Eighth Nonaligned Summit in Harare last year was the establishment of the Action For Resisting Invasion, Colonialism and Apartheid Fund - the AFRICA Fund. This was a concrete expression of our solidarity and support for the peoples of Southern Africa in their struggle against apartheid in South Africa, colonialism in Namibia and invasion of the Frontline States.

The AFRICA Fund Committee Summit was held in Delhi last month. The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Nonaligned Movement Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the Presidents of Algeria, Congo, Peru, Yugoslavia and Zambia, the Chief of General Staff of Nigeria and the Special Envoy of the President of Argentina. Notwithstanding the relatively short notice at which the meeting was held, the level of attendance demonstrated the importance which leaders of four continents attach to this initiative.

Our deliberations were purposeful. We now have a blueprint for action. We adopted a Plan of Action which identifies priority projects and measures for fulfilling the Fund's objectives. The Fund will be in addition to ongoing assistance programmes being extended bilaterally and through regional schemes. The projects we have identified are tailored to meet emergency requirements. These will complement SADCC programmes. No financial targets have been set. The Plan of Action itself is our present target. It will be adjusted and added to as we go along.

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The Fund was launched at the New Delhi Summit. The initial contributions amounted to some US \$ 80 million. The size of the Fund is steadily increasing. Further contributions are coming in. These contributions are over and above bilateral assistance programmes.

We have issued an Appeal for contributions and support to the AFRICA Fund. The Appeal is universal. It is not limited to nonaligned countries. It is addressed to all countries, international, financial and other institutions, non-governmental organisations, private corporations and individuals. It is an appeal to the conscience of the mankind, an appeal to all those who are committed to human dignity, human rights and the oneness of the human family.

We would welcome contributions to the Fund in cash or kind or in the form of technical assistance. Some donors may prefer to bilaterally finance identified priority projects. The Plan of Action is designed as a catalyst in such cases.

I have the honour to enclose a pamphlet containing the Appeal and Plan of Action adopted by the AFRICA Fund Committee Summit. I am confident that your Government will respond positively to our Appeal. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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