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Request for hearing

Addendum

Letter dated 31 October 1991 from Ms. Gay J. McDougall, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political Committee*

Washington, D.C.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to make a statement at your upcoming hearings on the agenda item, "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa".

The Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has been actively involved in giving direct assistance to the democratic forces in South Africa since 1967. Since then we have paid for the defense of thousands of political prisoners and worked with human rights lawyers and organizations across South Africa. In the United States we have played an important role in lobbying for sanctions and monitoring the enforcement of those sanctions. In Namibia, we were the only international non-governmental organization that established a presence on the ground throughout the period of implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) to monitor the South African Government's compliance with the

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(<u>Signed</u>) Gay J. MCDOUGALL

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