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Letter dated 16 March 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message dated 11 February 1990 from His Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, addressed to Mr. Oliver Tambo, President of the African National Congress.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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**Message dated 11 February 1990 from the President of Madagascar
addressed to the President of the African National Congress**

On this day of victory for the black people of South Africa, I am happy to convey to you the warmest congratulations of the Malagasy people.

The struggle of your people under the leadership of the African National Congress has just passed a milestone on the way towards recognition of their legitimate aspirations to dignity and political existence.

Please convey to our brother, Nelson Mandela, our respect and our admiration for the tenacity and the courage which he has unceasingly demonstrated for several decades.

His release can only foreshadow that of his people through the radical abolition of the apartheid régime.

The African National Congress and all anti-apartheid forces will be able to overcome all the difficulties on the path which has now been opened up towards the advent of a new and genuinely African South Africa.

Didier RATSIRAKA
President of the Democratic Republic of
Madagascar