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SISULU WISHES NUM STRONG 1990

RELEASED ANC leader and former mineworker Walter Sisulu has a special New Year message for mineworkers in 1990.

In a interview with NUM NEWS, he said: "Mineworkers have a crucial role to play in the liberation struggle. They have a proud history of struggle characterised by daring and courageous deeds in the battles they have been waging in the mines."

"The mining industry, as the backbone of the apartheid state has been challenged by united mineworkers under the NUM."

"It is important that mineworkers intensify their campaigns to consolidate the gains already made."

"They should strengthen the NUM and prepare themselves for the struggles that lie ahead."

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WELCOME HOME: Released ANC leader WALTER SISULU and his wife and UDF president ALBERTINA pictured together at the Soweto rally

CDF brings hope for broad action versus apartheid



Among the 4500 delegates at the unifying Conference for a Democratic Future were 300 delegates from COSATU

UNITY!

THE biggest gathering of anti-apartheid delegates this century vowed not to rest until apartheid was ended.

The Conference for a Democratic Future (CDF), a gathering of 4662 delegates representing 15 million people organised in 2138 anti-apartheid organisations was held in Johannesburg on 9 December.

Delegates representing the Mass Democratic Movement, Black Consciousness Movement and some representatives from Nactu discussed how to build broader unity in the anti-apartheid struggle.

The CDF adopted the OAU declaration on the resolution of the South African conflict through negotiations.

This historic decision will have far-reaching consequences for

the liberation struggle as the negotiation plan has been adopted by the Non-Align Movement (NAM) and it will be considered for adoption by the United Nations in the next few days.

Comrade Walter Sisulu, former ANC Secretary-General, made a special call for all freedom loving people of South Africa to unite and end apartheid.

"The long struggle for unity has also taught us that the technique of divide and rule is the modus operandi of the apartheid state."

He said: "Our response is to remain steadfast in the search for broader unity. Indeed, we cannot be satisfied with even the broadness of this conference."

"Our aim is a greater one. It is to unite the whole of our society", Cde Sisulu said.

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BUILD THE UNION: MAKE BRANCHES STRONG IN 1990