

Dear Sir

RE: MESSAGE TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

We see the decision by the French Government to recall its Ambassador and suspend all new investments in South Africa as a bold and courageous move.

For years, and particularly over the last year, we had become accustomed to hollow words of condemnation from the West. During this period the South African Government has become increasingly arrogant. Its response to the increasing of resistance of our people to its inhuman and unjust policies has been to intensify repression.

Since September last year, ± 500 people has lost their lives in the unrest which has now reached the proportions of a civil war. It is as clear now as it always has been, that this illegitimate government will not change from the destructive course which it is pursuing.

Interestingly enough, it was President P W Botha himself, in responding to the call by the opposition Progressive Federal Party (P.F.P) to reconvene Parliament urgently, who said - "the time for talking is over."

The people of South Africa are now crying out for concrete action from the international community. We are saying that the South African Government has no right to claim its position among the world civilised nations. It must therefore be isolated at every level - politically, economically and culturally.

We wish to bring the international community's attention to the fact that protection to people presently detained under the emergency regulation depends on the extent to which all democrats the world over could rally to the support of anti-apartheid

activists held by the racist regime.

The indemnification of the South African Police and the South African Defence Force from any legal action during this period leaves us with a deep sense of fear for the fate of the hundreds of political detainees. With the kind of history of psychological and physical torture that detainees in this country have been known to have been subjected to, we would greatly appreciate all forms of action against the apartheid regime.

We hope that other governments in the west will heed our call and follow the example which you have set. We also look forward to the day when your government will have relations with our people at the highest level when we have a government which South Africa's people and the international community can be proud of.

Yours faithfully

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