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**MEMORANDUM DELIVERED TO DE KLERK BY REV. CHIKANE
REV. BOSAK AND ARCHBISHOP TUTU**

- prior to Oct 11, 1989 meeting

Our intention in entering discussions with you is to try to act as facilitators, promoting a process through which apartheid will be speedily dismantled and negotiations to bring about a non-racial and truly democratic South Africa will be entered into. We come to Pretoria as church leaders, attempting to create the climate for negotiations, rather than as people with a mandate to enter actual negotiations.

We are concerned that although you have travelled to meet the leaders of Frontline States, within the country the initiative for a meeting has had to come from our side. We are also very unhappy that in the days leading up to the Cape Town peace march on September 13, messages about your willingness to meet did not come directly from your Government, but through foreign diplomats. Most recently, we have been distressed that your Government has been responding to the statements of foreign governments in Washington and London, and not to the demands of South Africa's people as expressed during the Defiance Campaign and in the series of marches which have been sweeping our country.

We believe that our meeting can be productive only if we express ourselves frankly and openly. On that basis, and with the deep desire of promoting the security and happiness of all South Africans, black and white, we feel we need to say to you clearly that, on the basis of the statements which you and members of your Government are reported to have made since the General Election on September 6, it does not appear to us that your Government appreciates the far-reaching nature of the steps it needs to take to get negotiations off the ground.

We believe the following immediate and medium-term steps are crucial to the creation of a climate conducive to genuine and productive negotiations to resolve the crisis facing our country. We should like to establish from you your Government's intentions in regard to each of these issues.

The following are steps we believe your Government must take immediately:

1. Lift the State of Emergency.
2. Lift restrictions on people, not only those imposed in terms of Emergency Regulations, but also those imposed in terms of other legislation (e.g. Internal Security Act).
3. Release all people detained without trial.
4. Lift restrictions placed on the activities of organizations, including the banning of political organizations.

5. Release all political prisoners, which your Government sometimes refers to as security prisoners.

6. Reprieve all those sentenced to death, and declare a moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty.

In addition, the following are steps which need to be taken in the next six months, i.e. in the period leading into the next Parliamentary session:

1. Allowing exiles to return home.

2. Repealing all regulations and laws which enable your government to prohibit or inhibit free political activity (e.g. to ban meetings and to outlaw all outdoor meetings).

3. Repealing the Population Registration Act.

4. Repealing the Separate Amenities Act.

5. Repealing the Group Areas Act.

6. Repealing the Land Act.

7. Embarking on negotiations with liberation movements, including the African National Congress.

We pray for God's blessings on our deliberations.

Rev. Allan Boesak
Rev. Frank Chikane
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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