

Mandela's Rainbow Year

It has been a rainbow year for President Nelson Mandela and South Africa as the international community streams to the rainbow's end at the tip of Africa; and invitations to rejoin the world flooded in. To mark the first year of President Mandela's term of office Telkom is issuing a special R10 telephone card featuring the President. And these are some of the pictorial highlights of his year, taken by The Pretoria News Chief Photographer PATRICIA HAGEN and members of our sister papers.



FEBRUARY 10 1995: Hard Labour (left): President Mandela chisels away at a rock on Robben Island in a symbolic act marking his enforced stay there.



OCTOBER 5 1994: Heads meet (right): President Mandela with American President Bill Clinton in Washington.



MARCH 24 1995: Legends meet: Edson Arantes do Nascimento, Brazil's minister of sport but better known as football hero Pele, paid a courtesy visit to President Mandela at the Union Buildings. After informally discussing sports issues, Pele handed Mr Mandela his Brazilian number 10 jersey.



NOVEMBER 10 1994: The greatest love of all: President Mandela accompanies Whitney Houston during their meeting at the Union Buildings. "I love you, Madiba," a tearful Ms Houston told him.



MARCH 20 1995: The Queen and The Man (left): Queen Elizabeth II with President Mandela during her trip to South Africa.



MAY 9, 1994: President Nelson Mandela enters Parliament, flanked by his two executive Vice-Presidents, Thabo Mbeki and FW de Klerk.

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