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*The Chairpersons**Congress for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA)
Johannesburg**Sirs*

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 December 1991 which was faxed to me.

This Congress is undoubtedly a historic occasion as we see a wide range of groupings coming together to work out an acceptable and enduring framework for the serious problems facing our country. I consider this as an important step towards creating peace, unity, tolerance, understanding and goodwill among all our people.

I am pleased to accept the invitation to offer a prayer during the opening of the first Congress for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) on 20 December 1991 at the World Trade Centre in Johannesburg. The prayer will be offered in Sanskrit together with an English translation. This is not expected to take more than five minutes.

Yours sincerely,

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