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Dear Jeanette

Your NICRO document on a Charter of Rights for Arrested Persons and Offenders sent to me on 28 August only reached me today. I think it is an excellent initiative and you have my full support in the project. As usual, I have a lot to say. Please see the enclosed.

Best wishes.

ALBIE SACHS

Encl:



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Dear Colleague

Charter of Rights for Arrested Persons and Offenders

In recent years we have seen the rights of persons being encroached upon in almost every area of life.

It is encouraging that the rights of individuals and groups are on the agenda of a variety of political groupings, NGO's & CBO's.

It is important in this debate to attend to the rights of those persons who tend to be most vulnerable or most discriminated against in our society.

NICRO has thus initiated a process for the drawing up of a CHARTER OF RIGHTS for arrested persons and offenders. It is vital that if this charter is to be promoted and accepted that it be endorsed by a broad a grouping as possible.

It would be appreciated if you and your organisation would be able to endorse the document in your individual and corporate capacity. Comments would also be valued.

Please distribute this document to any other parties you feel may be interested in it.

Kindly respond by 30 September 1992.

Yours sincerely

For **JEANETTE SCHMID**
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in my personal capacity

I/We would like to endorse the CHARTER FOR PRISONER'S RIGHTS.
insofar as it goes. BUT —
The following comments regarding the document should also be noted.

① Are prisoners being involved in its formulation?

② I find it ~~too~~ tight, ~~too~~ limited. There are its. to dignity & privacy, to family ^{friend} contacts, to news, to association with the world, to reintegration in the community, to do useful work, to get recognition for such work. I find the doc. a little ~~too~~ defensive - not affirmative enough - the prisoners get protection against abuse and its. of minimum care - but no its. to be a human being with all the normal its. save those that have to be curtailed for purposes of confinement.

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