

JOINT STATEMENT BY INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS  
TO THE FIRST MEETING OF  
CODESA, JOHANNESBURG 20-21 DECEMBER 1991

We, the observers to Codesa from the United Nations, the Organisation of African Unity, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Commonwealth, salute the South African people for the launching of their historic Convention. Codesa must herald the dawn of a new era of peace and justice. The broad objectives expressed in the Declaration of Intent are a most constructive and auspicious beginning for Codesa and give promise of attainment of true democracy for South Africa.

We express the hope that all the representatives of the South African people will join in the rebuilding of their country and that reason, good faith and patriotism will steer this challenging process to a successful conclusion.

Our presence at Codesa is a testimony of the profound commitment by the international community to encourage the emergence of a democratic non-racial South Africa with justice, security and well-being for all its citizens.