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*Dear Mr. Gordhan,*

Almost a year ago, the Hon. Clive Griffiths, MLC, Chairman of the Executive Committee of this Association, led a small delegation of distinguished Commonwealth Parliamentarians to South Africa. It was the first official visit by members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association since 1961, when South Africa left the Commonwealth.

During their visit, they met with many of the key figures in South Africa's progress towards full democracy, including State President De Klerk, Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Buthelezi. The purpose of the visit was to convey to all parties involved in the process, the support and good wishes of more than 10,000 parliamentarians from around the Commonwealth and to offer any help and advice they could give.

Since that time, we have provided material to South Africa, through the Council of Churches and the Constitutional Commission, particularly in relation to educating the community about elections and voting. Our 122 parliaments have a wide range of experience and resources in these and related fields, and would be very pleased to make this available to the people of South Africa in their present deliberations and later, as the democratic process is put into place.

The Executive Committee has again agreed that the Chairman and a small delegation should again visit South Africa, to renew and emphasise the Association's support and offers of assistance. To this end, Hon. Clive Griffiths would very much appreciate an opportunity of meeting with the relevant leaders and decision takers.

Arrangements are not yet finalized, but the time presently proposed is between 5 - 10 August. I would be most grateful for your advice and assistance.

With thanks and best wishes!

Yours sincerely,  
David Jenkins