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(1) Check Indian Embassy to see if they have (and to whom they have) sent this in the Congress.

(2) We propose to send it to CBC and Foreign Affairs Committee - at least.

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GWC: The attached was sent to members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Members of the CBC, according to the Indian Embassy. Ted 10/9/86

## White Church Ends Apartheid Support

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Oct. 22—The main white branch of the Dutch Reformed Church, this country's largest Afrikaner denomination, today reversed its longtime support of racial segregation and called the system of apartheid an unjust error.

The church synod, attended by 400 clerics and elders, also agreed to open membership to all races if approved by local church councils. It rejected a proposal to merge with its separate branches for blacks, Asians and people of mixed race.

"The use of apartheid as a socio-political system, which causes injustice to people . . . cannot be accepted on Christian ethical grounds because it militates against the principles of brotherly love . . ." a synod statement said.

The synod addressed the issue of apartheid for the first time in 12 years.

In the past, the church supported apartheid, the policy of racial segregation in which the nation's 24 million blacks have no vote in national affairs and the 5 million member white minority controls the economy and government.

One of the two smaller Dutch Reformed Churches, the Nederduitsch Hervormd Kerk, is a firm supporter of apartheid.

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No.WAS/802/104/6/86

September 29, 1986.

Dear Mr. Crockett,

The Lower House (Lok Sabha) and the Upper House (Rajya Sabha) of the Indian Parliament on 7th and 8th August, 1986, respectively, unanimously adopted Resolutions against Apartheid in South Africa. Copies of both these Resolutions are enclosed with this letter.

Should you, Sir, require any further information, I am at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

  
(P.K. Kaul)

The Honourable  
George W. Crockett,  
The U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington D.C.

RESOLUTION AGAINST APARTHEID ADOPTED BY LOK SABHA  
AT ITS SITTING HELD ON AUGUST 7, 1986

"That the House unanimously

- (1) condemns the inhuman policy of apartheid of the racist regime of South Africa;
- (2) expresses the solidarity of the Indian people with the brave freedom fighters of South Africa and supports their just struggle for human rights;
- (3) denounces the obstinate refusal of the South African authorities to enter into meaningful negotiations with the African National Congress and other political organisations to dismantle apartheid;
- (4) condemns the action of governments which provide moral encouragement and material assistance to the racist government of South Africa;
- (5) welcomes the efforts made by the Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, to mobilise world opinion in support of the heroic battle of the South African people for freedom and human dignity and the courageous stand taken by India and five other countries at the seven-nation Commonwealth Summit to impose mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa;
- (6) regrets that Britain has not adopted the full range of measures agreed upon at Nassau;
- (7) appeals to all the freedom loving forces of the world to remain united in the historic movement against apartheid;
- (8) calls upon all governments to impose comprehensive, effective and mandatory sanctions against South Africa;
- (9) calls for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters of South Africa and for the removal of the ban on the activities of the African National Congress and other political organisations;
- (10) appeals to Parliamentarians of the world to use all moral and constitutional means at their disposal to persuade governments and other authorities all over the world to take effective action against the South African authorities; and
- (11) calls upon the forthcoming meeting of the Heads of Government and States of the Non-Aligned Movement to redouble efforts to secure the liberation of the peoples of South Africa and Namibia from the unmitigated crimes and tyranny of the racist Pretoria regime."

RESOLUTION ON APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA ADOPTED BY THE  
RAJYA SABHA AT ITS SITTING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 1986

RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

"That the House unanimously resolves to

- (1) CONDEMN the inhuman policy of apartheid of the racist regime of South Africa;
- (2) EXPRESS the solidarity of the Indian people with the brave freedom fighters of South Africa and to support their just struggle for human rights;
- (3) DENOUNCE the obstinate refusal of the South African authorities to enter into meaningful negotiations with the African National Congress and other political organisations to dismantle apartheid;
- (4) DEPLORE the action of governments which provide moral and material encouragement to the racist government of South Africa;
- (5) STRENGTHEN the efforts made by the Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, to mobilise world opinion in support of the heroic battle of South African people for freedom and human dignity;
- (6) WELCOME the forthright stand taken by India and five other countries at the seven-nation Commonwealth Summit to impose mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa;
- (7) EXPRESS its deep regret that Britain has not adopted the full range of measures agreed upon at Nassau;
- (8) APPEAL to all the freedom loving forces of the world to remain steadfast in the historic movement against apartheid;
- (9) CALL upon all governments to impose comprehensive, effective and mandatory sanctions against South Africa;
- (10) CALL for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters of South Africa and for the removal of the ban on the activities of the African National Congress and other political organisations;
- (11) APPEAL to parliaments of the world to use all moral and constitutional means at their disposal to persuade governments and other authorities all over the world to take effective action against the South African authorities; and
- (12) CALL upon the forthcoming meeting of the Heads of Government and States of the Non Aligned Movement to redouble efforts to secure the liberation of the people of South Africa from the unmitigated crimes and tyranny of apartheid."