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Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the National Council of the Communist Party of India, and on my own behalf I convey warm fraternal greetings to the leadership and all members of the party on the occasion of the 100 years of the foundation of the South African Communist Party.

The founding conference of the Communist Party of South Africa held on 30th July 1921 was a historic event which had played an important role in mobilizing not only the people of South Africa but also the people of the entire African region in strengthening the anti-colonial struggle in that region.

Though the apartheid regime banned the Communist Party in 1950, it was re-founded as the South African Communist Party (SACP) in 1953. The role of the CPSA/SACP cannot be separated from the South African national liberation movement.

We all know that the CPSA/SACP played an important role in drafting the Freedom Charter through its cadres who were openly active in the Congress Alliance and in the Party's underground organisation. In the same vein, the Party played an important role in the evolution of the Alliance and the development of the arms struggle and the formation of "<u>uMkhonto we Sizwe</u>" and made immense sacrifices for the South African freedom.

Communist Party of India highly appreciates the role of SACP post 1994 apartheid period to realize the aspirations of the people and for a radical transformation of the South African society through National Democratic Revolution.

While congratulating the members and leadership of the SACP we feel proud about our Party's role in supporting the revolutionary struggles of the South African people. Our Party and mass organizations played an important role in developing solidarity activities throughout India. Our relationship with the leadership of the SACP and ANC was an example and reflection of our joint endeavour in the struggle against apartheid regime.

In this regard we also wish to mention the role of the Indian community for their active participation in anti-apartheid struggle headed by none other than M.K. Gandhi.

Dear Comrades,

Our two parties, the Communist Party of India and South African Communist Party have excellent fraternal relations. The situation demands more political interactions between our two parties to contribute more for the struggle for peace, democracy, social justice and finally for socialism.

We wish all success to the centenary celebrations of the South African Communist Party.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,

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