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The Secretary-General,
Organisation of African Unity,
Africa House,
ADDIS ABABA.

Dear Brother,

I have been instructed by the Executive Committee of the African National Congress to express its views on a matter which we regard to be of great importance.

We should like to reiterate the fact that the African National Congress has full confidence in the Organisation of African Unity, and its historic mission of uniting Africans and in assisting to forge them into an effective instrument for their liberation from colonialism and against imperialism and neo-colonialism. Unity is the pivot of the activities of the Organisation of African Unity. This is as it should be.

In unliberated states the Organisation of African Unity prefers that oppressed people rally around a single genuine liberation movement. Where two or more organisations exist which claim to have a following, the Organisation of African Unity advocates the formation of a united front.

In so far as South Africa is concerned the Organisation of African Unity recognised two organisations, the African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress.

We do not wish to burden you, brother, with the history and arguments which militated against the formation of a common front, except to state that we have always held the view, to which we still adhere, that what is called the Pan Africanist Congress has little or no influence in the country. The little that exists of this organisation../2

organisation outside, exists in numerous factional and warring units.

Over the years this organisation has disintegrated through expulsions and counter-expulsions amongst a small group of people who claim to be its leaders. In actual fact the Pan Africanist Congress has ceased to exist as a body.

It was therefore with some disappointment and regret that we read newspaper reports to the effect that efforts were being made through the Liberation Committee to resuscitate and re-unite the former members of the Pan Africanist Congress.

The bare facts of life have clearly demonstrated that there is one and only one organisation in South Africa which leads the revolution against fascism.

We cannot, brother, with all due respect understand why the valuable time, energy and money of the Organisation of African Unity should be spent in recreating the Pan Africanist Congress, and giving the wrong impression that there are in fact two organisations in South Africa.

The causes for the disintegration of the Pan Africanist Congress are well known and they are largely due to the fact that this organisation has no roots in the country and no genuine concern for the liberation of the people of South Africa.

Our fear is that the Organisation of African Unity through the Liberation Committee having recreated the defunct Pan Africanist Congress is now sponsoring an organisation in competition with the African National Congress. We do not believe that this is in the true interests of the struggle of the people of South Africa, which we know the Organisation of African Unity is deeply concerned with.

Yours fraternally,

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Secretary-General.