

## CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

**August 21, 1989** - Organization of African Unity approves the Harare Declaration drafted by the ANC calling for a negotiated settlement in South Africa.

**September 6, 1989** - Re-election of National Party in South Africa on a platform of reform and negotiations.

**October 21, 1989** - Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kuala Lumpur approve a Statement welcoming the improving climate in South Africa but note that sanctions must be maintained until there is "evidence of clear and irreversible change" in South Africa.

**December 14, 1989** - The United Nations unanimously adopts the Consensus Resolution on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in South Africa, calling for a negotiated end to Apartheid.

**February 2, 1990** - President de Klerk announces wide-ranging reforms including the unbanning of the African National Congress and other political organizations, liberalization of press censorship and the release of certain political prisoners.

**February 11, 1990** - Nelson Mandela is released from prison after 27 years.

**February 27, 1990** - Nelson Mandela travels to Lusaka, Zambia to meet the ANC leadership in exile. He is formally elected Deputy President of the ANC. He also meets with Joe Clark and other Commonwealth leaders.

**April 2, 1990** - President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela meet to discuss the communal violence in Natal province which has claimed over 3,000 lives in the past three years.

**May 4, 1990** - After three days of historic talks the South African Government and the ANC sign the Groote Schuur Minute which establishes a working group to address the issue of political prisoners and exiles and commits both sides to a "peaceful process of negotiations".

**May 16, 1990** - Nelson Mandela meets with the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Committee on Southern Africa under the chairmanship of Canada's Joe Clark. Commonwealth's Ministers issue the Abuja Commitment reaffirming the commitment to a peaceful dismantling of Apartheid.

**June 8, 1990** - President de Klerk lifts the four year old State of Emergency except in Natal Province.