

Commonwealth leaders agreed that the encouraging signs were very much the product of a combination of internal and external pressures. They determined to maintain, and encourage others to maintain, existing pressures, to ratchet up financial sanctions, support ongoing efforts to strengthen the implementation of the United Nations mandatory arms embargo, but to impose no new trade sanctions; in order to afford the new government some time in which to demonstrate its true intentions.

South Africans of all races and cultures have at least one thing in common: a love for their country. Their views on the future of that country also coincide: they wish a prosperous, safe community where their individual aspirations, and those of their children, can be realized.

It is thus unfortunate that the supporters of apartheid are unable to realize that it is only when the vast majority of their countrymen, the Blacks, Indians and Coloureds, are fully participating in the shaping of that future that there can be any hope of its coming to pass in the design all desire.

We deplore the sufferings and injustice brought about by apartheid. We work for a new non-racial democratic South Africa. We pray that this new government will have the vision to act quickly to end the violence, the injustice and the dishonour that is apartheid, so that South Africa can take its rightful place as a truly democratic state and member of the international community.