

The Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group concluded that black South Africans "have had enough of apartheid" and that they are "no longer prepared to submit to its oppression, discrimination and exploitation". The question is not whether apartheid will be brought to an end but how and when. Actions by the Government of South Africa to restrict open and peaceful opposition to apartheid even further will only serve to increase the likelihood of a growing cycle of violence. These actions underline the need for the international community to widen, tighten and intensify the application of measures which Commonwealth members have undertaken to encourage the dismantling of apartheid.

The Committee joins many South Africans and the international community in calling on the Government of South Africa to reverse its actions and begin to set the stage for meaningful negotiations towards a non-racial representative government. The Committee reaffirms its commitment towards this objective.