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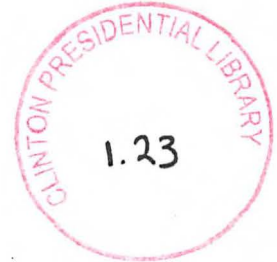


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His Excellency  
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Deputy Foreign Minister  
of the Republic of South Africa  
Pretoria  
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Dear Aziz:

Welcome back. I trust you had a productive visit to Brazil.

I spoke with Peter Goosen today about the possibility of organizing a meeting next week in Pretoria. Unfortunately, he does not know who on Bulelani's staff has been assigned to work on our project so therefore was unable to arrange anything.

Please know that we stand ready to come to South Africa at the first available opportunity. Our goal is simply to coordinate legal strategies. We realize you need more time to comb your files for evidence, but we wanted to exchange some ideas while this process is going forward. Given that our work is already beginning to put pressure on the ~~person~~ in question, and the publication of the UN Sanctions Committee report - now expected early next week - is likely to intensify that pressure, we feel it is vital to keep moving forward as quickly and effectively as possible.

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We are appreciative of all the attention you and your colleagues have given to this subject to date and are confident that we will be successful in our common effort.

All the best to you and your family for the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Witney W. Schneidman  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for African Affairs