We, the undersigned, express our grave concern at the continuing imprisonment of Nelson Mandela. We call upon the United Nations and the governments and peoples of the world actively to seek the release of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners.

This Petition is to be presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations. It is a contribution to an International Petition Campaign launched on 11 October 1982, the United Nations Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners. It is a response to calls by the UN Special Committee against Apartheid and the African National Congress for a renewed and intensified international campaign for the release of Nelson Mandela, made on 5 August 1982, which marked 20 years of continuous imprisonment for Nelson Mandela.

Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment on 12 June 1964, and in South Africa a life sentence for a political prisoner means imprisonment until death. The South African authorities have so far refused to respond to persistent and worldwide appeals for the release of Nelson Mandela.

Having signed this petition yourself, ask others to do so. Additional forms are available on request. Please return completed forms to the address below or to the Free Mandela Campaign, 13 Selous Street, London NW1, England, from whom more details of the campaign can be obtained.

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