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During recent months, millions of people in South Africa have responded to the call of Nelson Mandela, and taken to the streets to demand peace and progress towards democracy.

The De Klerk regime has refused to take effective action to stop the political violence, which has cost the lives of over 7,000 people since De Klerk came to power in 1989. It also remains intransigent in negotiations over a future constitution for South Africa – De Klerk insists on a 'white veto' over change.

As a result of massive internal pressure, the regime has taken limited steps to end the violence and agreed to a token presence of United Nations observers. But it is not enough. De Klerk has made agreements only to renege on them. International pressure must be applied now to prevent further backtracking and to ensure that the regime:

- takes action to end the violence, and agrees to an effective international monitoring force;
- releases all political prisoners immediately;
- abandons plans for a 'white veto',
- agrees to the establishment of a democratically elected Constituent Assembly to draw up a non-racial constitution and an Interim Government for the process of transition.

It was the pressure of sanctions and boycotts – together with internal mass action – which compelled the regime to release Nelson Mandela. The premature lifting of sanctions has encouraged De Klerk to delay and procrastinate. This pressure has to be re-imposed if peace and democracy are to triumph.

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