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Professor Lukacs,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The 22nd Conference of the South African Indian Congress will be held in Durban on the 12th, 13th & 14th October, 1956, to consider grave issues confronting the Indian people of South Africa.

It is a matter of common knowledge to all persons who are interested in affairs in this country that the Indian minority has been singled out for most vicious attacks on their rights and liberties. Under the provisions of the Group Areas Act, which has been roundly condemned by the United Nations and democratic world opinion, the Indian people face uprooting and total ruination.

The recent proclamation of group areas in Johannesburg, affecting a quarter of the Indian population of the Transvaal, means the uprooting of long-established homes and businesses and robbing of property worth millions of pounds. This inhuman and barbaric onslaught is the first logical outcome of the Group Areas Act; its process on a countrywide scale will culminate in the uprooting of millions of Non-Whites, bringing in its train dire consequences and impoverishment and will have the effect of relegating them to a status of perpetual subservience. It is bound to plunge the country into the throes of upheavals and racial strife on a magnitude unknown before.

Under the regime of the Nationalists who expound the herrenvolk ideology of white supremacy, South Africa has become a police state; where the peoples' leaders are banned and banished, where the rule of law is replaced by edicts and proclamations. Oppression and tyranny based on grounds of race and colour is a matter of vital concern to the whole world and the true interests of peace and goodwill among men and nations demand the obliteration of this virus which is causing incalculable harm.

The South African Indian Congress is pledged to carry on a relentless struggle against racialism and injustice and in co-operation with the African National Congress and other organisations of the people will do everything possible to stem the tide of reaction and save the country from the horrors of fascist enslavement.

We are heartened by the knowledge that you are greatly interested in justice and righteousness and therefore approach you on the eve of our Conference to send us a message of support. In so doing may we take the opportunity of expressing our gratitude to you on behalf of the oppressed people for the warm support you have given in the past.

Yours sincerely,

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