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Dear Friends,

Enclosed, please find information to circulate to your contacts regarding South Africa's participation in the United States Tennis Association's (U.S.T.A.) Championship (Flushing Meadow, New York: 8/29 - 9/11) and her attempt to enter the Olympic Games (Seoul, Korea: 9/17 - 10/2) through participation in the tennis competition, which would be reopened as a medal category for the first time since 1924.

## Suggestions

- 1) Statements affirming the U.S.T.A.'s violation of the United Nations Cultural and Sport Boycott of Apartheid South Africa by issuing invitations, which should be revoked, to apartheid South Africa for participation in the Championship. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Mr. John Fogarty  
Chief Operating Officer, United States Tennis Association, Inc.  
1212 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 302-3322

Hon. Edward Koch  
Mayor of the City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007  
(212) 566-5700

*(Mayor Koch has the administrative authority to cancel New York City's hosting of the U.S.T.A. Championship if the Association persists in willfully violating the United Nations Boycott).*

Mr. Abdennour Abrous  
Chief, Publicity, Assistance, and Promotion of  
International Action Branch  
Centre Against Apartheid, United Nations  
New York, NY 10017  
(212) 963-5511

*(To call for cancellation of U.S.T.A. Championship on grounds of U.N. Boycott Violation)*

- 2) Statements of support to Juan Antonio Samaranch for maintaining principled stand of opposition to apartheid South Africa's participation in the Olympic Games, in compliance with Olympic Charter regulations. Mailing address for correspondence is: Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President, International Olympic Committee, Chateau de Vidy, CH-1007, Lausanne, Switzerland.

You are welcome to use enclosed information as material for sample copies for correspondence, or to compose your own statements.

Best wishes.

Yours truly,  
*Y.B. Holly*  
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Secretary, Africa Network

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June 26, 1988

## APPEAL FOR PROTEST AGAINST RACISM IN TENNIS

The fact that invitations have been issued to players from apartheid South Africa to participate in the United States Tennis Association's Championships at Flushing Meadow, New York in August, 1988 is alarming.

Through their participation: (1) the U.S. Tennis Association stands in direct violation of the United Nations Cultural and Sport Boycott against apartheid South Africa and (2) confers legitimacy on and acceptance of apartheid's standards.

It must be remembered that it was because of her willful violation of Fundamental Principle 1 of the Olympic Charter (no country can discriminate on grounds of race, politics or religion) that apartheid South Africa was expelled from participation in the Olympic Games from 1964 to present.

This ban remains enforced, because as long as apartheid's statutes remain unchanged in the Government's law books, any joint participation of non-white and white athletes is for cosmetic purposes only.

Therefore, by welcoming apartheid South Africa's entries, the U.S.T.A. becomes a choice victim of the apartheid government's camouflage campaign.

To avoid being manipulated this way, it is urgent for the U.S.T.A. to revoke its invitation to apartheid South Africa for participation in the tournament.

In so doing, the U.S.T.A. will make clear its allegiance to the struggle to create true non-racial sport in South Africa, and uphold the code of sportsmanship the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid is maintaining through its Boycott of Apartheid Sport. As long as apartheid is alive in South Africa, freedom and justice in society cannot be.

We call on all who are opposed to racism in sport to join us in protesting.

Hoping to have your support,

Yours sincerely,

*Y.B. Holly*

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Secretary, Africa Network

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# Sports Pages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1988

The New York Times

## I.O.C. Amplifies Apartheid Stand; Tennis Conflict Seen

By MICHAEL JANOFSKY

Special to The New York Times

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 21 — The International Olympic Committee today for the first time joined with the highest-ranking sports leaders in Africa to issue a declaration denouncing apartheid and urging all international sports organizations to cut off contact with South Africa.

By specifically asking the international federations that govern Olympic sports to strengthen their isolation of South Africa, the declaration today intensified the pressure of the I.O.C.'s own longstanding opposition. South Africa was ousted from the Olympics just before the 1964 Summer Games in Tokyo.

It also set up a potential conflict with sports federations, like the International Tennis Federation, that maintain competitive contact with South Africa.

Not incidentally, the declaration also gave the I.O.C. assurances that African nations would use the threat of an Olympic boycott only as a last resort. Amadou La-

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Juan Antonio Samaranch

mine Ba of Senegal, the secretary general of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, hailed the declaration as "one means of fighting apartheid and one means of avoiding a boycott of the Games in Seoul."

"Apartheid must be canceled in sports and in normal life," Juan Antonio Samaranch, the I.O.C. president, said today at a news conference. "We have appealed to the international federations to align in a position with the I.O.C. to have no contact with South Africa whatsoever. We cannot force them to act, but we have indicated that we will be glad to have them line up with us to demonstrate to the world we are united."

The I.T.F. continues to allow athletes to

play tournaments in South Africa without sanction. At the Olympic Summer Games in Seoul, South Korea, in September, tennis will be a medal sport for the first time since 1924. Anti-apartheid groups had begun discussing the possibility of a boycott if the I.T.F. did not take a stronger stand against South Africa before the Games.

Several African nations had threatened to boycott the Games if Zola Budd, the 21-year-old middle-distance runner who was born in South Africa, was allowed to compete for Great Britain, which had granted her citizenship in time for the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles. Budd had been accused of competing at a track meet in South Africa last year; she said that she attended the meet, but did not compete in it.

In May, while the British Amateur Athletic Board was deciding whether to allow Budd to compete on its Olympic team, she abruptly returned to South Africa and gave up her quest.

Samaranch said the Budd issue was not discussed at the meetings that preceded the declaration today. Nor was a 1976 episode

in which 20 African nations boycotted the Montreal Olympics because New Zealand was competing and a New Zealand rugby team had played in South Africa. Richard Pound of Canada, an I.O.C. vice president, said today that he didn't expect a boycott.

"Look, it was time for us to let our African friends know we were with them and remind them that the I.O.C. has always been with them," he said. "At the same time, I think we come out of this sensing there won't be any knee-jerk reaction to a similar situation."

Samaranch acknowledged that tennis remained a problem. When tennis was returned to medal status, it was decided that no player who had competed in South Africa could participate in the Olympics. Even so, he said, "this is still a problem for the I.T.F."

The meeting today included the leaders of three major Pan-African sports organizations. The African leaders acknowledged that change may come slowly, but they were nonetheless thrilled with the agreement. "This declaration satisfies us fully," Ba said.

# SAN-ROC

South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee  
P.O. Box 5366 Evanston, IL 60204 USA

Resolution 35/206E of 16 December, 1980  
Cultural, Academic and Other Boycotts of South Africa

The General Assembly of the United Nations:

Having considered the reports of the Special Committee Against Apartheid,

Considering that the suspension of cultural, academic, sporting and other contacts with South Africa is an important measure in the international campaign against apartheid;

1. Requests all States to take steps to prevent all cultural, academic, sporting and other exchanges with South Africa;
2. Also requests States which have not yet done so:
  - (a) To abrogate and cancel all cultural agreements and similar arrangements entered into between their Governments and the racist regime of South Africa;
  - (b) To cease any cultural and academic collaborations with South Africa;
  - (c) To prevent any promotion of tourism to South Africa;
  - (d) To terminate visa-free entry privileges to South African nationals;
  - (e) To prohibit emigration to South Africa;
3. Appeals to writers, artists, musicians and other personalities to boycott South Africa;
4. Urges all academic and cultural institutions to terminate all links with South Africa;
5. Encourages anti-apartheid and solidarity movements in their campaigns for cultural, academic, and sports boycotts of South Africa;
6. Requests the Special Committee Against Apartheid to promote such boycotts against South Africa.

The Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations was adopted with 123 in favor, 8 against, and 13 abstaining.

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South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee  
P.O. Box 5366 Evanston, IL 60204 USA

COPY OF TELEGRAM MESSAGE  
September 10, 1987

TO: City Councilman Wendell Foster  
Chairman  
International Intergroup Relations and  
Special Events Committee  
New York City Council  
City Hall  
250 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007

I wish to fully support your motion to file a Bill condemning the participation of South Africans in the United States Tennis Association Tennis Championship, since they are part of a racist organization and should not be taking part in sports activities in Flushing Meadows Park which is owned by the City of New York. I support you in the name of all South Africans opposed to racism and in my capacity as President of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee and on behalf of the Non-Racial Tennis Association of South Africa and the Non-Racial South African Council on Sport.

Participation by racist South Africans is a violation of the International Call issued by the United Nations calling for a Cultural Boycott of Apartheid South Africa and the isolation of the racists.

The City of New York is dishonored in its acceptance of those who have not rejected or repudiated racism. They have the power to change the system by opposing it: instead they choose to benefit from it.

All power to you and those who support your principled stand. I hope to testify before the Committee by 3:00 on September 11, 1987.

Cordial Greetings,

Professor Dennis Brutus  
President, South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee

Olympic Games Participation for All Without Racial Discrimination.

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