

Die Staatspresident The State President Kaapstad · Cape Town S P

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Dear Mr President

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I have the honour to refer to your kind invitation dated 12 January 1993, to visit Chile. It will be a privilege to visit your country and I have the pleasure to accept Your Excellency's invitation. Such a visit will grant us the opportunity to renew the already close ties that have existed over many years between our countries.

I have been informed of your Government's active and continued interest in political developments in South Africa. We are entering a new phase of democracy in South Africa, with its concomitant changes and challenges. South Africa is on the threshold of a new era as we endeavour to meet the aspirations of our peoples and I believe we can learn from your country which has made great strides in the process of democratisation and the re-structuring of the economy.

As you know, other Heads of State in South America have also extended invitations to me. As my visit to South America has not been finalised, I would like to suggest that a suitable date be arranged by our respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

May I on this occasion refer in positive terms to the work that your Ambassador, Mr Carlos Bustos, is doing in South Africa to improve relations between our two countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency Mr Patricio Aylwin Azocar President of the Republic of Chile Santiago CHILE