

**Statement by**

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racism, xenophobia & other related  
intolerances”**





when the 1956 war against Egypt broke out, the ANC promptly stood by us & today reaffirmed that the people of Africa will not allow themselves to be used against each others.

Today we are stepping into the fight against the same abhorrent crimes that for too long plagued the lives of South Africans. Our approach must not be marred by politics or selectivity... and should rest on the honest & comprehensive follow up of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia & Related Intolerance, as well as the full & effective implementation of the Durban Declaration & Programme of Action. It is important that we also commemorate today ten years since their adoption.

Mr. President

Ladies & gentlemen,

We must be gathered here today on this auspicious occasion his "Long Walk to Freedom" embodies these noble words... the man whose innate humility conceals genuine greatness and whose inspiring tolerance, courage & merciful indignation. The man who played a historical role in the the once heavy chains of racism. I'm of course referring to the legendary President Mandela. Mr. Mandela, on behalf of the 120 countries of the Non-Aligned movement, I wholeheartedly salute you.

I would like to seize this opportunity to also acknowledge the bravery of the remarkable men & women all over the world who have over the past years & decades dedicated their lives to the struggle against all forms of oppression, racism & intolerance and allow me as a proud Egyptian to pay a special homage to those who have recently lost their lives fighting for democracy, justice & the respect of human rights in my country & in the region. They have not only paved the way for a better world but also shown us that with the will & determination, these idealistic dreams can become realities. We sincerely hope that this will also apply to our countries and peoples.

Jerusalem as its capital.

Richard Desmond, Tute once declared that "Differences are not intended to separate or alienate...we are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another" So let's embrace our differences let's in justice or intolerance.

**I thank you.**

