



Advocacy Network for Africa (AdNA)

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To:

H.E. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa
Union Buildings, Private Bag X1000
Pretoria, 0001
Republic of South Africa

Re: Solidarity with South Africa's Leadership for Justice and Sovereignty

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Advocacy Network for Africa (AdNA), a coalition of US-based and African civil society, faith-based, and human rights organizations, we extend our deep gratitude and full solidarity to you and your government for principled leadership demonstrated in pursuing justice through the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

We are fully aware of the retaliatory efforts now unfolding in the United States Congress—specifically the introduction of **HR 4051** and **HR 2633**—which seek to label South Africa's actions as antisemitic or hostile, to suspend development aid, to impose sanctions on officials, and to review bilateral ties based on your government's relationships with countries such as Russia, China, and Iran. These bills are not just a response to the ICJ case—they are a direct challenge to South Africa's independent foreign policy and growing alignment with and leadership in the Global South.

South Africa is being targeted for doing what responsible global citizens must do: uphold international law, advocate for the oppressed, and act as a sovereign democracy. We commend your courage. When many leaders have capitulated to fear or pressure, you have honored South Africa's moral and legal legacy by choosing justice. You have shown the world that African nations have not only a voice, but a conscience.

We affirm without hesitation that **we do not support violence from any side—Israeli or Palestinian**. Our position is rooted in human dignity, and we oppose all forms of modern colonialism and apartheid, including what has been inflicted upon the Palestinian people. The only path to sustainable peace is through justice, equal rights and mutual recognition—including but not limited to the two-state solution, as long supported within the international community.

As you continue to navigate these challenges, please know that you do not stand alone. Civil society throughout Africa, the diaspora, and across many parts of the United States stands with you. We reject the proposed legislation in the House of Representatives, **HR 4051**, “*Addressing Hostile and Antisemitic Conduct by the Republic of South Africa Act of 2025*,” and **HR 2633**, “*U.S.–South Africa Bilateral Relations Review Act of 2025*” and any form of coercion. Your leadership represents a new era of African global engagement—independent, lawful, and principled.

We thank you and assure you of our ongoing solidarity.

With highest esteem and respect,
Advocacy Network for Africa (AdNA)

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