



PARTIDO COMUNISTA PORTUGUÊS

Secretariado do Comité Central

**To the
Central Committee of the
South African Communist Party**

Lisbon, April 24, 2009

Dear Comrades,

Following the announcements regarding the results of the Elections in your country, we convey the warm greetings of the Portuguese Communist Party for the extraordinary victory of your Party and of the African National Congress.

The results which were achieved, namely the two-thirds majority of the vote, confirm that the ANC is the major force in the struggle and unity of the South African people. The victory in these elections paves the way for making the second decade of freedom in South Africa “the decade of the workers and the poor”, as you say in your statement analysing the elections. This goal is inseparable from the South African Communist Party's contribution to further the progressive nature of the African National Congress and to strengthen the popular roots of the Tripartite Alliance, as was fully confirmed in these elections.

The victory of your Party and of the ANC – which deals a severe blow to all those who, through racist or opportunist campaigns, were targeting the unity and cohesion of the ANC, and therefore of the South African people – is, for the Portuguese Communists, an encouragement in the struggle which we continue waging, to recover the ideals of the April 25, 1974, revolution – whose 35th anniversary will be marked tomorrow – and to build a truly democratic Portugal, of justice and social progress.

With our fraternal greetings,

The Secretariat of the Central Committee of the
Portuguese Communist Party