

President of the National Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives Kingdom of Thailand

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Excellency,

I recall with great pleasure our meeting on 29 March 2010 and our fruitful discussion on various matters of mutual interests during Your Excellency's participation in the 122nd Assembly of the IPU in Bangkok. I do hope that Your Excellency's stay in our Kingdom was a pleasant and memorable experience. Please accept, on behalf of the National Assembly of Thailand, and on my own behalf, my sincere thanks for Your Excellency's valuable support which made the Assembly a successful conference.

On this occasion, I, on behalf of the National Assembly of Thailand, have the honour to express my warmest congratulations to Your Excellency, and through you, to the members of the National Assembly and the people of the Republic of South Africa for the successful hosting of the FIFA 2010 World Cup tournament.

As the first World Cup ever held in the African continent, the expectations were high for South Africa. Nonetheless, it is evident that South Africa has not just met, but greatly exceeded all expectations. From the friendship and sincerity of the South African people expressed through the passion and enthusiasm symbolized by the powerful voice of vuvuzelas, we can feel that the whole of South Africa has joined together in making the first African World Cup a celebrated episode in the World Cup history. This tournament in Africa shall long be remembered and cherished.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency Mr. Max Vuyisile Sisulu Speaker of the National Assembly Cape Town The Republic of South Africa