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Dear Mr Slabbert,

On behalf of the Black Sash Cape Eastern Region, sincere thanks for the excellent and really challenging speech you gave at the Sash/IIASA Public Meeting on 6 August 1987 on the topic "What Now? What Next?". It was an important and necessary event for Port Elizabeth as the number of people at the "ambitious" venue showed! There has been much positive feedback about the meeting and we believe that it has contributed to the enlightenment of some people and certainly to the encouragement of most.

The negative feedback received about the meeting related to Wayne Mitchell's presence on the platform. In view of the delicate negotiations which had preceded the meeting, this was an embarrassment and was contrary to what had been previously decided with the local IIASA. A very clear understanding had been reached that IIASA, while facilitating the meeting, would not play any other role. This was a specific decision and undertaking. It was a great pity that Wayne overrode the local arrangements and ignored sensitive local conditions.

(A mistake was made by the local IIASA office in sending out invitations without our approval, on its letterhead which rather hampered our pre-meeting preparations with community leaders. However, this has been discussed with the local IIASA office and we have accepted that this was an error of judgment of which it is aware, and we regard the matter as closed.) It would be a pity if such oversights were to hamper the vitally important work of IIASA and thus we share our concern with you.

On a more positive note, we thank you most sincerely for your considerable personal contribution to the meeting, and IFASA for making it possible.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Isobel Douglas-Jones.

Chairman Black Sash Cape Eastern Region.

C. Mary Purton

Wayne Mitchell

Keith Mattress.