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SUBJECT: AZAPO ON THE PASSING OF EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

On behalf of AZAPO and its members, the President of AZAPO expressed condolences to the Tutu family on the passing of the archbishop.

Many people would not know that Tutu played an active role in the Black Consciousness space, specifically Black Theology. He was one of the first patrons of the National Forum back in 1993.

AZAPO Pays tribute to Tutu, as an outspoken critique of the apartheid government, when organisations in the liberation movement were banned, he was instrumental in bridging the gap using the church.

Tutu was seen protesting and denouncing the burning of people by the infamous and inhuman necklacing method.

He was seen praying for the downfall of the Zuma leadership because he was unhappy about how they ran the ANC and the country. He was however not without controversy especially regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which did not follow up on the prosecution of the murderers of Biko, Rebeiro, the Cradock 4 and Mxenge family among many liberation fighters who were brutally murdered and executed by operatives of the nationalist apartheid racist government. The TRC was instrumental in facilitating national cohesion but left the victims of the apartheid racist government still landless and without economic transformation. While AZAPO commends and laments his contribution to society respectively, AZAPO wishes to offer her condolences to the Tutu family.

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