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Dear Mr. Mandela,

We who are writing to you are Nalin Peggul, President of Social Democratic Women in Sweden (S-women), and Ann-Christin Furustrand, former General Secretary of S-women. We are writing to you because we are worried about the signals we have received indicating that prostitution will increase sharply in South Africa during the World Cup.

Social Democratic Women in Sweden is a sister organisation of the Social Democratic Party in Sweden. We have a long tradition of defending human rights in general and women's rights in particular. We are full of admiration for the struggle that you, Mr Mandela, have fought for such a long time against apartheid and for human rights. You are an example and a symbol of human freedom and against slavery.

Prostitution and trafficking are considered as today's slave trade and should in our opinion be fought as such. Peoples right to decide over their own bodies and not be forced to sell their body to get food on the table is a struggle that, like the one conducted against apartheid, must be won.

We hope that you, Mr. Mandela, will make a strong statement against the sex slave trade that will become a major industry in South Africa during the World Cup, just as it has during other major sporting events around the world. We will therefore send you our football shirt with the text "Football YES - Prostitution NO", and hope that you will consider wearing it during the World Cup. It would be a strong statement against sex slave trade from your side, which for us is a symbol of the fight against all forms of slave trade.

Let us unite in the struggle for human freedom and against today's slave trade - human trafficking and prostitution.

Sincerely,

Nalin Peggul
President of Social Democratic Women in Sweden

Ann-Christin Furustrand
Former General Secretary of Social Democratic Women in Sweden and initiator of the football shirt