

**SACBC STATEMENT ON THE END OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ISOLATION
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Sportsmen and women are understandably excited at the decision to re-admit South Africa to international sport, ending a long and bitter isolation.

The large measure of consensus involved in the negotiations, which achieved South Africa's readmission to international sport, augers well for the future, and as such inspires hope for a better life together.

However, we are compelled to point out that while this move has positive benefits for sport, the majority of the citizens of this country are still affected by the application and consequences of apartheid, and many communities are still wracked by violence.

We also note that thousands of exiles remain separated from the land of their birth. We call on the government to ensure their speedy return, to release remaining political prisoners and to take decisive action to end the violence.

The removal of division and discrimination in sport is but one aspect of all that remains to be done to reconstruct our society in love, justice and reconciliation.