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To whom it may concern

The Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) is pleased to endorse the building of the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre opposite its complex.

We value and support the Peace Centre’s contribution to building democracy and peace in the world, and aim to pursue collaborative joint ventures in line with its mission.

We believe the centre will be an important asset, not only for the Mother City, but for the entire world, especially at this time in history, when lasting peace seems so elusive. The Desmond Tutu Peace Centre can play a crucial role in ending conflict and promoting social justice.

The centre has a unique place on the Foreshore, both physical and ideological: in the midst of a precinct focused on business and tourism, an institution dedicated to the higher purpose of building a better, more peaceful world can, we believe, inspire all visitors to the city to act for a better future for our children.

We also welcome the fact that the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre is planned to have a six-star environmental rating and pleased that Phase 2 of the CTICC, will have similar levels of energy-efficiency and low environmental impact.

Thus we believe our two institutions will contribute to sustainability and a better life for mankind in several ways.

Sincerely,

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