



THE F W DE KLERK FOUNDATION

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Dear Mr von Schwarzenfeld

I should like to thank you for coming to see me and for explaining your exciting Global Stone Project.

The idea of linking the continents in a global peace project is truly imaginative. I am also happy that you decided to include South Africa in the project as the representative of the African continent and Cape Town as the city of good hope.

I strongly support your wish to place the 'hope' stone here in Cape Town at some suitable and prominent place – perhaps in the Company Gardens. It was in Cape Town that some of the main events associated with South Africa's peaceful transition from conflict to hope took place. It was here in our Parliament that the whole process began and where we held the first important meeting between the former government and the ANC. It is accordingly an ideal choice for a peace project.

It is also fitting that the sister stone will be placed in Berlin which was undergoing a similar peaceful and democratic transformation at the same time. The two 'hope' stones will serve as a reminder to us and to the world that even the most difficult problems can be solved peacefully through reason and goodwill.

I look forward to being present when the hope stone is finally placed at a suitable location in Cape Town.

Yours sincerely

F W de Klerk