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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, as an organization committed to human rights, social justice and the health and welfare of all people, affirms its deep abhorrence of apartheid, the system of legalized racial discrimination in South Africa.

It is a system which denies the most basic human rights to the overwhelming majority of its population simply because of their color or race. We deplore the State of Emergency imposed by the South African government which has resulted in brutal victimization of its citizens. We condemn the arbitrary measures which subject the black majority to search, seizure, arrests, and indefinite detention without the protection of due process of law. We call upon our government to use its good offices to motivate the South African government to act expeditiously to rectify this unconscionable situation.