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Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Taro Nakayama,
regarding the Election of the new State President in South Africa :

1. Mr F W de Klerk, the leader of the National Party, was elected the new State President of the Republic of South Africa with a mandate for change on September 14. Japan strongly looks to his new Government to set a clear agenda for abolishing apartheid and to initiate a wave of peaceful and democratic change.

2. The Government of Japan and the rest of the world believe that apartheid must be dismantled, not reformed. While closely watching the course of actions the new Government of South Africa is to take, we strongly urge Pretoria to take substantive and effective moves toward dismantling apartheid so as not to betray the expectations of the international community for change in South Africa.

3. We therefore call on the Government of South Africa, in the first stage, to lift the state of emergency declaration, release Mr Mandela and other political prisoners, and remove the bans on anti-apartheid organizations, among others, and to enter into dialogue with black leaders expeditiously toward building a non-racial democratic government.

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