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**SA must take note of EU's winning of Nobel peace prize – CDP**

The South African government must take note of the reasons why the Nobel Peace Prize committee unanimously awarded the 2012 peace prize to the European Union, says Christian Democratic party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“The reasons include the role the EU played in bringing stability to Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Other reasons include the commitment to reconciliation, democracy and human rights. The EU regards minority rights as an integral part of human rights.

“South Africa, on the other hand, had been courting countries such as Cuba, Ghaddafi's Libya and Mugabe's Zimbabwe, above all China. Government has embarked on a process of changing place names and so effectively abandoned its commitment to the peace accord. The ANC attempts to alter constitutional democracy into a tyranny of the majority, if not a de facto one party state. Communists are far overrepresented in government.

“Government can also not blame the Nobel Peace Committee for being biased against South Africa or even Africa, as several South Africans had been awarded the peace prize in the past, such as Albert Lethuli, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and former presidents Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk. Several African leaders, such as Kofi Annan, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Anwar Sadat also won the prize.”

**SA moet kennis neem toekenning van Nobel-vredeprys aan die EU**

Die Suid-Afrikaanse regering moet kennis neem van die redes waarom die komitee van die Nobel-vredesprys die 2012 vredesprys aan die Europese Unie toegeken het, aldus die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party, ds Theunis Botha.

“Onder die redes tel die rol wat die EU gespeel het om stabiliteit in Oos-Europa te bring na die val van die Berlynse muur. Ander redes sluit in die verbintenis tot versoening, demokrasie en menseregte. Die EU beskou minderheidsregte as 'n integrale deel van menseregte.

“Hierteenoor flanker Suid-Afrika met lande soos Kuba, Ghaddafi se Libië, Mugabe se Zimbabwe en boonop ook China. Die regering het 'n program aangepak om plekname te verander en so effektief sy verbintenis tot die nasionale vredesakkoord opgesê, Die ANC probeer die demokrasie in 'n diktatuur van die meerderheid omskep, indien nie sommer 'n de facto eenpartystaat nie. Kommuniste is veroorverteenwoordig in die kabinet.

“Die regering kan ook nie die komitee van bevooroordeeldheid teenoor Suid-Afrika of selfs Afrika beskuldig nie. Verskeie Suid-Afrikaners het al in die verlede die vredesprys ontvang, naamlik Albert Lethuli, aartsbiskop Demond Tutu en oudpresidente Nelson Mandela en FW de Klerk. Verskeie Afrikaleiers, soos Kofi Annan, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf en Anwar Sadat het ook reeds die prys gewen.”