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the international community, particularly the Commonwealth and the United Nations, played a profound and beneficial role in the political transition to end apartheid. International Mediation in the South African Transition will be of interest to students and scholars of African politics, conflict resolution, international relations and global governance."

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