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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ROBINSON TO SPEAK IN "ONE NATION: MANY VOICES" LECTURE SERIES

CHARLESTON, IL--Randall Robinson, anti-apartheid activist and founder of the Trans-Africa Forum, will speak at Eastern Illinois University Wednesday, Feb. 24, as part of the "One Nation: Many Voices" lecture series.

His talk on "U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Third World in the Post Cold War Era" is open to the public. Sponsored by Eastern's Cultural Diversity Committee, it will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center. Admission is free.

As Nelson Mandela's spokesman in the United States and the executive director of TransAfrica, a Washington, D.C. lobbying group for Africa and the Caribbean, Robinson has become the USA'S most visible spokesman against apartheid.

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While fighting for change in South Africa, he has assisted the country in lobbying for sanctions and helped force concessions from its white leadership. A Harvard Law School graduate, Robinson was also active in the Southern African Relief Fund, which raised money for groups fighting the Pretoria Government.

In addition to publishing many articles in several major publications throughout the United States, Robinson has appeared on "Nightline," "McNeil-Larre" and other news programs. For his achievements, he has been honored with several awards including the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service and Humanitarian Awards and the Congressional Black Caucus Humanitarian Award. Robinson also received an honorary doctorate from Columbia College in Chicago.