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# REPORT OF COMMISSION 1

## ANC NEEDS AND RESOURCES

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### Terms of Reference:

For its terms of reference the Commission was guided by the documents of the National Fundraising Workshop held in March 1986 at SOMAFCD and the keynote address delivered by the Treasurer General at the opening of this workshop.

Using the above-mentioned documents as a point of departure, the Commission agreed that the needs of the ANC arise From its historical tasks to prosecute the struggle to liberate South Africa From apartheid tyranny, using political, military, economic, cultural and diplomatic means.

In this regard the Commission Fully endorsed identification 0?

ANC needs as outlined in the 1986 document as being -

i) the responsibility for the maintenance and well-being of thousands of people based in many countries. This involves provision of food, shelter, transport, clothing, education, health care etc

ii) the maintenance and expansion of ANC underground structures inside South Africa

iii) the establishment and upkeep of ANC missions and development centres abroad

In agreeing on these above-mentioned needs the Commission noted:

1) that the growing nation-wide resistance inside South Africa and the continued state of emergency pose new challenges For the National Liberation Movement

ii) that the developments in South Western Africa and the impending independence of Namibia create new demands which require substantial additional resources to advance the liberation struggle

iii) that at the new crises facing the regime have led it to launch a propaganda onslaught, echoed by its allies, designed to tarnish the image of the ANC and undermine its international support

In this situation the movement needs to redouble its efforts and urgently secure a wider range and greater volume of materials and Finanpial resources.

Accordingly, the Commission recommends the following measures:

1. To embark on a sustained information campaign to project and win support for the ANC, its policies, aims and objectives.

For this purpose and to overcome the news blackout by the South African regime, a review be carried out of the existing ANC publications in\_order to ensure that comprehensive and timely information is produced and disseminated.

2. The establishment of a databank of all the existing agencies and other potential donors in order to have a thorough understanding of their operations. Such information would ensure that we secure maximum resources From these agencies.

As a First step the Chief Representatives (and Regional Treasurers where applicable) should obtain such information and make appropriate recommendations to the OTG.

3. In addition to the traditional supporters of our movement, new areas be explored as recommended by the 1986 Fundraising Workshop. These areas include:

(5) Africa

Commission recognised that whilst Africa is afflicted with numerous problems such as the debt crises, contributions in kind can be mobilised. In this connection the Chief Reps in Africa should collect from their respective areas handicrafts for sale.

(b) Asia

Commission noted that some of our communities originate from countries like India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and that these links should be utilised to conduct fundraising efforts in these countries.

(C) Middle East

This remains a high priority area for improved relations and Fundraising.

(d) Latin America

we welcome the establishment of ANC diplomatic missions in the region. This positive development opens new possibilities for closer relations with the peoples in this area.

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we welcome the success of the new advertising and direct mail appeals conducted in certain western countries and recommend that these new Forms of fundraising be carried out in other countries.

In addition, a scheme should be devised whereby materials and provisions on which funds are now being utilised, such as textiles, sugar, tea etc could be obtained from countries in all these areas.

#### Own Resources

These members who are gainfully employed and have not yet done so, should make their due contribution to the ANC.

High priority should be given to establishing procurement and marketing centres as outlined by the 1986 Fundraising Workshop.

In order to reduce expense of additional staff, missions should make special eFForte to mobilise volunteers, South Africans and non-South Africans, to carry out appropriate tasks in their regions.

Vigorous efforts should be made to encourage Full participation of ANC personnel in our projects.

A Travel Agency should be established in order to reduce travel expenses and generate additional income.

Arrangements should be made to properly launch the ANC Free South Africa Fund as detailed in the 1986 Fundraising Workshop report.

The campaigns to expose the "Disclosure of Foreign Funding" Bill designed to severely curtail the Flow of external funds should be intensified.

The Commission recommends that the masses of the people be encouraged to explore means towards greater self-reliance in struggle.