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Gerrit Viljoen said .

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Addressing the Ameri-
can Chamber of Com-
merce, Dr Viljoen said
one could not negotiate
with a party which was
trying to destabilise
through actions which
| repeatedly resulted in
- violence.

â\200\230The ANCâ\200\231s commit-
ment to mass mobilisa-
tion is expected to
feature prominently at a

meeting next Tuesday
between ANC deputy

)resident Nelson

Mandela and President

| de Klerk.

| Dr Viljoen last night
Â»rejected demands for a

constituent assembly
and a â\200\230winner takes allâ\200\231
constitution.

" He said a new con-
stitution should include
the right to form politi-
cal parties, universal
adult franchise with mi-

nority protection, an entrenched constitution and the maximum devolution of power.

While the Government agreed the present constitution was flawed,

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until there was a negotiated replacement, country's administration should continue under present laws, he said.

In an apparent reference to the ANC demand for an interim government, Dr Viljoen said there would have to be a special relationship between the Gov-

ernment and the negotiating body.

It is unthinkable that

R joint decisions, and especially consensus deci-

sions, of the negotiating forum could be arbitrarily rejected by one of the main participants after agreeing on it, he said.

On economic issues, Dr Viljoen said whereas the Sullivan Code of Conduct had guided American business prac-

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tices in S A during the apartheid era, a new initiative on the part of business was now required.

He said Mr David Lazar, a member of the

ANCâ\200\231s Association of Economists, had described the organisationâ\200\231s recent economic proposals as â\200\230flawedâ\200\231 and â\200\230lacking in economic visionâ\200\231.

Dr Viljoen said there were rising expectations

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gerated and irresponsible promisesâ\200\231.

- â\200\230I appeal to all businessmen to take the problem of economic illiteracy to heart and help create, especially among the less sophisticated masses of workers, an understanding of these issues,â\200\235 he said.

Dr Viljoen said the reform process had reached an irreversible stage and there was no turning back on the commitment for a new constitution in a demo-

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gotiations have reached
a critical point as the
â\200\230Government expresses
growing doubts about
the African National
/ Congressâ\200\231s real commit-

ment to a peaceful polit-
ical settlement, :

| The ANCâ\200\231s determina-
tion to continue and even
intensify its strategy of

mass mobilisation and -

its refusal to stop train-
ing and recruiting for its
military wing, Umkhonto
ve Sizwe, are causing
concern.

In two hard-hitting

Daily News
Correspondent

speeches yesterday, Con-
stituticnal Development
Minister Gerrit Viljoen
and Foreign Minister Pik
Botha both cast severe
doubts on the ANCâ\200\231s de-
sire to seek a constitu-
tional solution through
peaceful means.

And it is understood
that the concern in the
Government goes right
up to President de Klerk,
who is expected to take
it up with ANC deputy

president Nelson Man-
dela when they meet on
Tuesday.

The ANC and the Gov-
ernment will also try to
thrash out their differ-
ences over the ANCâ\200\231s

mass mobilisation campaign in the joint working group on ANC armed actions, which meets tomorrow and on Friday in Pretoria.

Dr Viljoen said last night that the ANCâ\200\231s failure to distance itself from mass mobilisation, | boycotts, intimidation and the building up of military power called into question its stated commitment to peace and had created a great obstacle to negotiations.

Addressing the American Chamber of Commerce in Johannesburg, he said the moment of truth for negotiations had arrived.

The Government was not satisfied with the present state of affairs, especially in the light of violence in townships.

Meanwhile, Mr Botha, addressing the Hans Seidel Foundation in Munich, said it was â\200\234a matter of serious concernâ\200\235 that the ANC could not say it was ready to implement its commitments.

He said that at the Pretoria Minute, agreement was reached on a plan for the release of ANC prisoners and return of exiles while the ANC agreed to suspend all armed actions and related activities.

The ANC had agreed with the Government, in the words of the Minute, that â\200\234the way is now open to proceed towards negotiations on a new constitutionâ\200\235. Exploratory talks to this end had been initiated.