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POSITION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS BODIES  
ON HOW TO ASSIST IN HASTENING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF DEMOCRACY AND PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY

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South African sports bodies, having regard to the crisis gripping our country have decided on the following actions to achieve peace and democracy:

1. All sportspersons to wear stickers/armbands PEACE AND DEMOCRACY at all sports events and functions until the road to democracy is established.
2. Place advertisements in all major South African newspapers condemning the violence and urging all political groups to establish and effect without unnecessary delay the road to democracy. Delaying this process is of great concern to sport in our country as it is directly undermining and threatening our programme of sports participation and sports development.
3. Print leaflets and fliers expressing our concern at the present impasse for distribution to the public.
4. Have sportspersons make public statements and/or their stand for peace and democracy.
5. Draw up a mission statement re above points for distribution to sports organisations.
6. Place advertisements in official programmes/brochures reiterating above points.
7. Proceed with pre-arranged programmes as presently planned but state that no further international sports exchanges be arranged until road to peace and democracy is firmly established. However, international obligations as mandated by the respective international federations be respected.
8. Display all material produced by the National Peace Accord at all major fixtures and functions.
9. Touring teams will visit Boipatong to express solidarity with victims of massacre.
10. In order to facilitate the realisation of democracy, sports bodies voice their unqualified support for a democratically elected constitution making body.



SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (SAFA):

1. After the International Football Federation (FIFA) formally accept South Africa at the FIFA Congress in Zurich the SAFA Delegation will announce this and condemn the killings at Boipatong and call for peace and democracy.
2. When the Cameroon national football team arrives in South Africa on Sunday, 5 July, the South Africa and Cameroonian football delegations observe a moment of silence at the airport for peace and democracy.
3. Request a message from the Government of Cameroon calling for peace and democracy.
4. Light flame for peace and democracy at FNB Stadium during period of mourning and until road to democracy firmly established.
5. Allow SAFA to continue with fixtures against Cameroon - in Durban on 7 July, in Cape Town on 9 July and Johannesburg on 11 July and against Crystal Palace FC (England) against Kaiser Chiefs in Johannesburg on 13 July and against Orlando Pirates on 19 July in Durban. Thereafter only allow continental and international obligations, specifically matches against Zimbabwe and Zambia and matches for the preliminary tournaments of the African Nations Cup.
6. The football fixtures are expected to attract an audience of over two million people - via spectators and television coverage - and this can be effectively used to convey our message.

NOCSA - OLYMPIC GAMES:

1. Will call on all national federations and athletes to urge for peace and democracy as the present crisis is causing serious problems for the participation and development of sport in our country.
2. Will from now onwards use all forums to publicise the call for peace and democracy.
3. Will utilise the function on Sunday, 19 July when the lighting of the Olympic Torch takes place at Jan Smuts Airport as lighting the flame for peace and democracy. This torch will remain lit until the team returns from Barcelona on 11 August.
4. Will discuss with the IOC and the organising committee in Barcelona the possibility of wearing stickers on athletes competition clothing during competition. This might not be possible as the IOC rules are very strict. But NOCSA will definitely insist that athletes wear these stickers when giving media interviews, especially TV interviews to South Africa and abroad. NOCSA officials will do likewise.



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This decision will remain under constant review, and it will depend on the response and actions of the regime on the crucial questions of peace and democracy. If there is no progress in this regard, the ANC and other democratic organisations will consider a halt to all tours.

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