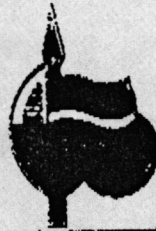


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**STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE ANC
ON STATE-SPONSORED VIOLENCE AND FUNDING OF INKATHA**

Following the disclosures of state sponsorship of Inkatha to serve as a force to counter the influence of the ANC, and the involvement of SADF Special Forces and mercenaries in the perpetration of the violence in the PWV region and Natal, the National Working Committee (NWC) of the ANC met in emergency session today, Monday 22nd July, 1991.

The consensus at the meeting was that the facts that have come to light pose a grave threat to the entire peace process. They are a clear indication that the de Klerk government has been pursuing a twin-track strategy of posing as committed to peace while waging a ruthless war against the democratic movement in general and the ANC in particular. The NWC was of the unanimous view that the shocking revelations about the SADF, using foreign mercenaries to massacre South African citizens in their homes, at places of recreation and on the public transport system are inextricably connected to the multi-million rand special slush fund set up to finance Inkatha in order to shore up its sagging political fortunes as an opposition to the ANC.

The NWC rejects with contempt the hollow double talk offered by Minister Adriaan Vlok and his colleagues to explain away this abuse of public funds for blatantly partisan political purposes. We are equally alarmed by the cavalier manner in which Chief Minister Buthelezi shrugs off his responsibility concerning receipt of government funds, channelled through the Security Police, to a movement he leads.

The conduct of the de Klerk government, accepted by many in South Africa and abroad as committed to dismantling apartheid, demonstrates that the covert operations, State murder squads, secret funds to corrupt and buy support and other dirty tricks that became infamous in the days of Vorster and Botha remain features of the government's arsenal till this day. The expose underscores the pressing need for an Interim Government so structured as to enjoy the confidence of the

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majority of South Africans. It is clear the incumbent regime cannot be trusted to preside over the transition from apartheid to democracy.

We challenge President de Klerk and his cabinet to put an end to these sinister practices. The country will not be fobbed off with a second version of the Harms Commission or some other cover-up. As a token of his commitment to cleansing his administration and keeping the search for peace on track, we demand that President de Klerk:

- + dismiss from public office Ministers Vlok and Malan, who bear direct ministerial responsibilities for the crimes that have been committed .
- + institute a multi-party commission of enquiry to investigate with the utmost rigour the full extent of government involvement in the violence and secret funding of political activities.
- + visibly and publicly dismantle all the special counter insurgency forces of the SADF and the SAP, including those composed of foreign mercenaries.
- + open up to public scrutiny the secret fund, in the region of 380 million rands, that has been budgeted by his government.
- + give guarantees that all public spirited civil servants and other state employees who come forward to tell the truth about these covert operations will be immune from prosecution and receive protection.
- + charge and put on trial all police officers and SADF personnel who have been identified by past Commissions as culpable for perpetrating violence against citizens exercising their rights.

The ANC and the people of South Africa shall measure the seriousness with which the government regards the present impasse by its response to these demands.

We also wish to alert the international community to the danger of too hasty a lifting of sanctions against apartheid South Africa. Those who accepted the bona fides of the de Klerk government as an agency for political change should seriously reconsider their position. Apartheid remains the order of the day in South Africa and the government is as determined as ever to repress, through violence, the strivings of our people for democracy.

The ANC addresses a special appeal to members of the security forces and other government departments not to permit themselves to be used as instruments of the National Party's narrow partisan designs. For the sake of the future of your country those of you who are aware of such activities should consider it your public duty to step forward and reveal all you know.

The ANC addresses an appeal also to the rank and file members, supporters and any responsible leaders of Inkatha not to permit themselves to be misused for the nefarious political purposes of the minority regime and a leadership with a double agenda they know nothing of. Your confidence and trust has been abused and the organisation you put faith in has been reduced to a paid agent of the South African Police. Act now to stop the rot!

The NWC of the ANC has taken a decision to convene a full plenary of the National Executive Committee for not later than Wednesday July 31 to discuss the full implications of these developments and the government's response to our demands.

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