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### Circular letter to all members and sympathisers of the African National Congress of South Africa

Dear Comrades,

The struggle of our people has reached new heights. The decade of the Seventies ended on a very high note marked by the declaration of the Year 1979 as the Year of the Spear, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the victory of our people at Isandlwana. The Year of the Spear saw a sharp escalation of our struggle not only by the militants of Umkhonto we Sizwe, but also in the political mass mobilisation of our people.

Zimbabwe has joined the free and independent Nations of Africa thus setting the pace for events to come. The elections were only held thanks to the victorious armed struggle waged by the Patriotic Front leading the heroic Zimbabwean people. Without the great sacrifices of the people of Zimbabwe, supported by all progressive mankind, the racist Smith regime would not have been dislodged.

1980, the start of a new decade, ushers in a new era in our revolutionary struggle. The African National Congress has declared 1980 the Year of the Charter — a Year of Action. Twenty five years ago the Freedom Charter, embodying the demands of our people from the length and breadth of the country, was adopted at the historic Congress of the People at Klip-town. In commemoration of this important 25th Anniversary, each and every member of our organisation is called upon to intensify their efforts in keeping with our demands:

**“Everything for the struggle! Forward to a People’s Government!”**

The African National Congress is the spearhead of our liberation struggle — the only force capable of effecting the overthrow of the fascist Botha-Magnus Malan militarist regime. Botha’s call for a so-called multi-racial conference is intended to strengthen the white minority regime and shield it from the crushing blows the oppressed and exploited masses must and will deliver in the pursuit of liberty. It is intended to hoodwink the international community, to lend legitimacy to a crime against humanity. We reject this fraudulent manoeuvre with all the emphasis at our command.

An essential ingredient enabling us to increase mobilisation is adequate funding. The National Executive Committee has decided to launch a **FIGHTING FUND** to which our members and sympathisers will contribute. Until now we have been relying primarily on solidarity support for our struggle. But the time has come for our own people and individual supporters to make regular financial contributions to our Movement. Arrangements for such contributions should be made between yourselves and the Treasury Department of the ANC.

Our **FIGHTING FUND** target for the forthcoming year is £500,000 with quarterly reports being submitted to the National Executive Committee from each area. Fund raising must be a primary task of all prevailing structures. Organise wherever you are. Contribute actively and continuously to our **FIGHTING FUND**. Those of our members who are in employment should contribute a percentage of their income to the fund on a regular basis. Give till it hurts. Many of our cadres are making the supreme sacrifice, paying with their lives. We feel there is something wrong with a situation where workers, peasants, intellectuals and other sectors of the community from other countries continue to make contributions without adequate contribution coming from our own people. It is only when we are ready to contribute everything — politically, materially and physically — to our struggle that victory will be achieved.

We have no doubt that this call to our people has been long-awaited and will receive prompt eager and positive response. We have every confidence that you will play your part in ensuring we achieve this vital goal.

**Forward to a People’s Government!**

**Amandla! Maatla!**

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Treasurer General





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