

COMMUNIQUE OF MEETING BETWEEN THE AFRICAN NATIONAL
CONGRESS AND THE NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE AND SOCCER
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA.19TH OCTOBER2 1988.

On the 18th and 19th October, 1988 the African National Congress met Representatives of the National Soccer League and the Soccer Association of South Africa. The delegations reviews the state of Soccer, sport in general and other developments within South Africa. The delegations agreed that Apartheid is the root cause of the problems afflicting South Africa including in the field of sport. In this regard, the African National Congress expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the NSL and SASA-within one few years of their existence- to set soccer on a non-racial footing in co-operation with the broad democratic movement.

Such co-operation and joint actions need to be further strengthened with the ultimate purpose of ridding our country of the scourge of apartheid and creation of a free, non-racial and democratic South Africa. The delegations agreed that it is necessary within our country to unify soccer, strive for the establishment of a unitary non-racial controlling body and integrate soccer at the grassroots level.

The African National Congress put forwards its perspectives on all questions pertaining to the Democratic struggle including the sport front. SASA and the NSL expressed their recognition of the fact that the isolation of racist sport is an important element of the struggle to end apartheid. For this reason they reaffirmed their opposition to rebel tours and called for a continuing moratorium on all tours.

This campaign is complementary to the perspective of supporting and strengthening democratic and non-racial organisations, It was resolved that both organisations would, in co-ordination with other democratic forces, work out the mechanisms of ensuring that South African non-racial soccer finally occupies its rightful place in the world.

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