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ANC Press Release on Meeting of the National Executive Committee.  
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The newly elected National Executive Committee (NEC) of the ANC met in full plenary session on 17th and 18th July in Soweto, Johannesburg.

The meeting, presided over by President Comrade Nelson Mandela, discussed a lengthy agenda which included the following items:

- + evaluation of our recently concluded 48th national conference;
- + the adoption of a Programme of Action;
- + the Review of Structures at the ANC's Headquarters in Johannesburg;
- + and the election of a National Working Committee consisting of 20 of the elected members of the NEC.

The consensus was that the ANC Conference represented the culmination of a profound democratic process, based in the branches and regions, testifying to the ANC's commitment to democratise not only the country, but also its own structures and inner councils. It posed a challenge to all other political formations in the country to demonstrate in deeds, rather than words, their equal commitment to democratisation.

A Programme of Action, based on three slogans:

**Peace, Freedom and the Vote!**



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was also adopted to guide ANC activities in the coming six months. It was agreed that the most challenging task facing the ANC in this period is provide coherent leadership to the South African liberation movement whose goal is the transfer of power to the people by the creation of a non-racial, non-sexist democracy. In addition to building the ANC as powerful liberation movement, rooted among the majority of South Africans, there was a need to project the movement's unbroken record of principled struggle to entrench democratic values among the people of our country and to realise a vision of a single, united South African nation. This vision continues to be an inspiration to millions of South Africans who should be drawn into the ranks of our movement.

The meeting endorsed the decisions of the national conference regarding the setting up of community defence structures and the need to ensure the success of the Church-Business Peace Initiative. The meeting undertook to mobilise the broadest possible support for the national campaign to end the violence.

The NEC noted that despite the efforts of the ANC and other forces sincerely interested in peace, the government had still done little to bring the perpetrators of this violence to justice and had not acted on the demands contained in the ANC's Open Letter to President De Klerk and his Cabinet of April 5th, 1991. A key objective of the ANC during the coming period would be harnessing the efforts of the widest cross section of our people to compel the South African government to clear the remaining obstacles so that genuine negotiations can commence as soon as possible.

In pursuance of this programme the ANC shall mark the following dates:

9th August, South African Women's Day.

27th October, the 20th anniversary of the murder in detention of Comrade Ahmed Timol.

10th December, Human Rights Day.

16th December, the 30th Anniversary of Umkhonto weSizwe.



and 8th January 1992, the 80th Anniversary of the ANC.

The election of the members of the National Working Committee were conducted by secret ballot, under the supervision of three members of the ANC Constitutional Committee. Twenty five persons were nominated for the twenty positions available. The results of the elections were as follows:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Number of Votes.</u>
1. Thabo Mbeki	66
2. Chris Hanl	65
3. Pallo Jordan	64
4. Patrick "Terror" Lekota	63
5. Popo Molefe	62
6. Steve Tshwete	61
7. Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim	56
8. Joe Slovo	53
9. Jo Modise	52
10. Cheryl Carolus	52
11. Joel Netshitenzhe	52
12. Sidney Mufamadi	51
13. Ronnie Kasrils	48
14. Joe Nhlanhla	48
15. Mohamed Valli Moosa	47
16. Trevor Manuel	46



17. Barbara Masekela	46
18. Alfred Nzo	45
19. John Nkadimeng	49
20. Zola Skweyiya	39.

In the case of the last two position, there had to be a second vote to break a tie among three nominees. The third nominee, Mac Maharaj received 35 votes and automatically fell out.

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