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### ANC PRESS STATEMENT ON LIST OF NAMES

Many organisations are demanding that the list of names submitted to ANC President Nelson Mandela of those accused of acts of torture against former detainees held in ANC detention centres be made public.

The Commission Report stated quite clearly that it did not have the opportunity to hear evidence from those named in this way. At the ANC press conference, Mr Mandela reiterated that the ANC was seriously considering the setting up of an independent commission to continue with this investigation.

It is a basic principle of justice that those who stand accused have the opportunity to be heard. In the interests of justice, it would be incorrect to simply release a list of names which could, and in fact does, include people in no way connected with the security department of the ANC. For instance, one of the names is of a person who was on Robben Island from the early 1960s until 1989.

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