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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR ANC PARTICIPANTS

The Donors Conference was originally planned to solicit assistance and commit donors to funding the ambitious Development Plan (formulated in 1984) for the ANC Development Centre at Dakawa. However, after the unbanning of the ANC, an interdepartmental meeting, held in Lusaka on July 29 1990, agreed to postpone the Conference from October 1990 to February 1991 and to widen the objectives of the Conference to include development needs within the country.

The postponement was intended to provide time for consultations between ANC and MDM structures. The consultations commenced with the Harare Workshop on Funding (May 1990), the Johannesburg Consultative Seminar on Development Projects (October 1990) and the Johannesburg Workshop on Income-Generating Projects shortly thereafter. In mid-December 1990, ANC Departments and Chief Representatives, as well as MDM Structures were convened for a Workshop on the Donors Conference in Johannesburg.

As a result of these consultations, all ANC regional offices were contacted by the Projects Department to involve them in the process of determining regional development priorities and preparing project proposals. In some regions efforts have been made to establish Regional Development Forums to facilitate development in the long term.

The objectives of the Donors Conference are:

1. To present to Donors our strategic approach to development.
2. To present programme/project priorities for development in South Africa according to sectoral/regional needs and for ANC internal/external needs.
3. To suggest mechanisms for coordination for effective project development and donor relations within the ANC and within sectors/regions.

ANC Heads of Departments were requested to coordinate the presentation of the project proposals on a sectoral basis for ANC internal and external needs. Regional Treasurers were approached to prepare project proposals for the setting up of infrastructure and administration of regional and branch offices, training for staff, support for workshops/seminars/campaigns and for specific ANC projects administered by the regional offices.

Participants are reminded that the Conference is intended to appraise donors and it is not a forum for internal ANC debate. You are requested to refrain from argument and debate on policy issues during sessions and everyone should present a consensual approach. Participants are requested to follow agreed policy decisions and settle their differences outside of the sessions.