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1. The ANC Donors Conference will take place at the Arusha International Conference Centre in Arusha, Tanzania from 6 - 8 February 1991.

2. The Conference will be attended by over 200 representatives of Government, International and Non-Governmental development and aid organisations. The South African delegation will comprise representatives of ANC departments, ANC missions abroad, regional representatives of the ANC and other mass based organisations in South Africa, progressive internal South African NGO's and representatives of project holders from South Africa on a sectoral basis.

3. The objectives of the Donors Conference ere :-

- to discuss a strategic approach to development
- to present programme and project priorities

3 - to solicit funding from donors

- to discuss mechanisms and structures for coordination

4. The Donors Conference follows on a series 'of consultations and meetings held between ANC, non and other organisations involved in development and project work both inside South Africa and externally as well as some major donors.

Originally the Donors Conference was planned for October 1990. In the light of the unbanning of the ANC and the need for further consultation it was deferred to the above dates. The consultations include the Harare Workshop on Funding in April 1990 and a Consultative Seminar held in Johannesburg on the 5 - 7 November 1990 to "coordinate and plan development projects by the ANC, HDH and 'independent project holders inside South Africa". Further to the Consultative Seminar consultations are being held with ANC departments and branches, mass based organisation and internal progressive NGO's to :-

a) Consider a paper on development policy and strategy
b) Coordinate efforts, share information and build cohesion in relation to ongoing work, donor relations and policy and

0) Identify priority areas for funding.

Attached is a copy of the Policy Statement on ANC Projects issued by the NBC which provides the rationale for the continuation of some of the ANC projects externally. At present a scaled down Revised Development Plan for Dakawa is ready and being distributed to major . donors. A plan for financing SOHAFCO for a 5 year period is also under preparation.

Arrangements for the Donors Conference are being made by an ANC Preparatory Committee in Tanzania, chaired by other Deputy Chief-Representative, Comrade Henry Chilisa. There is a full-time secretariat for the Donors Conference based in Dar es Salaam and is coordinated by Cde Mohammad Tikkly.