

PRESS STATEMENT  
OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
19 - 20 October 1990

A regular meeting of the National Executive Committee and the Internal Leadership Core of the ANC was held in Johannesburg on the 19th and 20th October, 1990.

The meeting reviewed work done to establish structures of the ANC inside the country. It agreed that in the short time since this work began significant progress has been achieved. But it noted that much more work has yet to be done. It therefore resolved that the existing structures, including the National Organising Committee, be further strengthened to expedite the work of reaching the many people who wish to join the ANC, but whom our organisers had so far not been able to contact.

The meeting also discussed the efforts that the Democratic Movement as a whole was doing to end the violence in the country.

It commended the work being carried out jointly by the ANC and Cosatu in this regard and agreed that, where necessary, new initiatives be taken to reinforce progress towards a situation of peace throughout the country.

In the same context, it welcomed the steps being taken jointly by the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party. It further agreed that

a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the ANC and the Central Committee of the Inkatha Freedom Party be held

in the near future, with the participation of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Nelson Mandela, to strengthen the efforts aimed at ending the violence.

The meeting also received a report on preparations for the Conference scheduled for December 1990. It agreed that these preparations should be speeded up. In this regard, steps will be taken to distribute discussion documents to all branches in the near future.

The National Preparatory Committee will keep close contact with the regional committees on these preparations and inform the public about the conference as need arises.

The meeting further reviewed the agreements reached with the government concerning the release of political prisoners and the

return of the exiles. It welcomed the report that progress has been made in resolving the differences between the ANC and the

government in these matters. The ANC therefore looks forward to speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of the Groote

Schuur and Pretoria Minutes.

The meeting also received an interim financial report and agreed that the Movement was faced with a serious shortage of resources

relative to the challenges it faces. The Treasury will therefore take urgent measures to intensify the work of the organisation as

a whole to generate the necessary funds and material resources.

The meeting also discussed other matters of an administrative nature.

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