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30th March, 1990

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Under the present circumstances, the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress considers it advisable to proceed with the arrangements to meet De Klerk and his colleagues on April 11. Furthermore, from this moment, all arrangements for this meeting stand postponed until further notice. The National Executive Committee shall convene a special session to review the situation within five days.

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of South Africa have the right to assemble and demonstrate in support of their just demands. We claim this as an inalienable right, not as a favour granted by the régime to the discretion.

We call upon everybody to join the struggle:

- * for a democratic South Africa;
- * for the creation of an atmosphere of free political activity;
- * for an end to the brutal system, the township councils and other unrepresentative institutions;
- * for a living wage;
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