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STATEMENT BY ANC PRESIDENT, NELSON MPHDELA

ON FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY

DURING THE ELECTtON CAMPAIGN.

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National Party election entourage that

in the Northern Cape. The fatal

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The African National Congress.

concern the violent attack on a

took place on Wednesday 23 February

shooting of one of the demonstrators, on the same 0

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NP are not in keeping with normat political

the ethos of a robust election campaign. In

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It is patently clear that

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I hereby solemnty reiterate the ANC's commitment to a free and

peaceful political contest. We condemn. in the strongest terme. any

actions aimed at infringing the rights of any political party, no .. atter

who or what that party's name. to campaign in any part of the country.

in the Northern Cape and. more

The recent disruption of an NP rally

importantly:

t the attitudes and actions of some farmers and mine-

owners: . _

' the violence in Natal. particularly in areas controlled by the

KwaZulu administration:

t the repression in Bophuthatswana; and

' the problems in towns where the extreme rightwing has

imposed its co ntrol

should be matters of grave concern to all South Africans.

ctures set up to supervise

They require stern and urgent action by stru

EXGCUtive Council and the

the elections, in particular the Transitional

Independent Electorat Commission.

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In order to help address these aberrations the ANC. with immediate effect is taking the following steps:
our regions, branches. members and supporters to desist forthwith from any actions that disrupt the meetings and interfere with the activities of other political parties. Our anger at the injustices inflicted on us by the National Party. the architects of apartheid. does not and never will justify activities that subvert the fundametal freedoms and basic democratic values for which the ANC has struggled for so many years.

1. We hereby instruct all

2. The ANC will facilitate, through the Transitional Executive Council. speedy completion of discussions on plans to ensure that people in KwaZulu, Bophuthatswana, right-wing controlled towns, as well as on the farms and mine compounds. are afforded their basic freedoms of association and speech.

3. We will continue our efforts to convince organisations in the Freedom Alliance to loin the process of democratic change. While they have all the right not to take part in the democratic elections. our country cannot countenance actions aimed at preventing others from exercising their basic rights.

4. The ANC shall. in whatever way possible. facilitate the speedy completion of investigations into the shooting by the NP governments Internal Stability Unit of unarmed demonstrators at Standerton. and into the recent massacres of ANC supporters in Creighton and other areas in Natal. Those responsible must be called to account.

On our part, the Afric :1 National Congress will ensure that any d violating the Electoral Code of Conduct is disciplined in accordance with our own constitution. Regions. sub-regions and branches are hereby instructed to act with vigour against anyone who brings our movement into disrepute by such unseemly conduct. We who have waited so long for the coming of democratic elections in our country have nothing to gain from their subversion through ill-considered disruptive activities. And. more seriously. such rash actions might help create a climate conducive to the murder and mayhem the spoilers would like to impose on the country. We mus one, whatever their declared intention. assists them in that drrection.
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The Subcouncil on Foreign Affair

recent working visit

Planning Conference,

The purpose of the Planning Conference was to promote current and future management of South Africa's relations with Africa and the Middle East, by analysing trends, identifying objectives, opportunities, priorities and coordinating policy with regard

to normalising relations with the Region.

All participants in the TEC with offices abroad were invited to attend the Planning Conference and 22 South African Heads of Mission and Heads of Representative Offices

This was the first

of the African National Congress in the Region were present.

intly meet with their counterparts in

opportunity ever for the ANC Representatives to 10

Africa. A very productive interchange took place which contributed positively to the aims and objectives of the Conference.

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The programme included inter

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within the region

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Southern Africa's political and e

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f Central, West and East Africa

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President of the Republlc of Kenya, Mr Daniel Arap

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cordial relations between the two countries.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation, Mr Stephen K Musyoka the forthcoming elections in South Africa by sending announced that Kenya will observe

an official Kenyan delegation for this purpose as part of the OAU observer mission in South Africa. The relations between our two countries have started at a high note. It is the intention of the Kenya

operation and deepen further the existing

Secretary-General and other

he OAU In Addis Ababa - the Capital of Africa - on 21 February 1994.

pressed his appreciation for the opportunity of deliberating with the

Subcouncil on the latest political and constitutional developments in South Africa, on the

eve of his visit to the country. Referring to the visit he said "This visit is of symbolic and

political significance to the organisation." This is the first ever OAU Secretary-General visit to South Africa. The Secretary-General expressed the view that South Africa would soon take up its full membership of the OAU and it is expected of the country to play a leading role in Africa. The OAU fully supports the democratisation process in South Africa. The organisation is sending a large number of observers to monitor the elections and has urged member states to follow suit.

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Dr Salim A Salim ex

The President of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia. Mr Meles Zenawi and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ato Seyoum Mesfin, expressed their full support for the Transition in South Africa and indicated that Ethiopia had already dispatched an observer delegation to South Africa. The President announced that his Government will take up diplomatic relations with South Africa shortly before the elections. A reception hosted by Dr Kebede Tadesse, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, was attended by the Ambassadors of the Frontline States and the other African Heads of Mission based in Addis Ababa. The Subcouncil briefed them on events in South Africa and called on the international community to use all its

in Economic Commission for Africa. the Transitional Executive

led a delegation to a meeting scheduled for 2-5 May 1994. In

1992, a special commission of the ECA was dispatched on an exploratory mission to South Africa. The Commission interacted with role players from a cross section of the socio-economic and political spectrum in the country. The dualistic nature of South Africa's economy was identified. Consequently, a Southern Africa Desk was created to:

During a meeting with the

Council was invited to send

- assess the unfolding political, social and economic developments in Southern Africa with particular reference to the situation in South Africa
- activities and plan of action of each substantive

- co-ordinate both the current

at addressing the issues facing contemporary South

UNECA office division aimed

Africa.

The meeting discussed follow-up actions arising from the workshop held in Johannesburg in 1993. The agency is in contact with numerous organisations and institutions in South Africa and intends to intensify its programme after the elections.

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