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Dear Comrades and Compatriots,

We are today addressing you in the wake of one of the most brutal and wanton acts of aggression by the Pretoria regime against African independent and peace-loving States in the region.

On Monday, May 19, the racist regime launched a barbaric attack against Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia, killing and maiming people and destroying property. This is the regime's crystal clear response to the negotiations initiative by the Commonwealth. The regime relies for its survival, on armed aggression within and outside South Africa. Massacres and assassinations are its means of livelihood.

Our people have had to accept this reality and take the only course open to them - the course of resolute struggle for peace in Southern Africa through the destruction of the apartheid system and the creation of a democratic people's South Africa.

It is against this background that the National Executive Committee of the ANC makes the following **CALL TO THE NATION**, whose central message is that we move from ungovernability to People's Power.