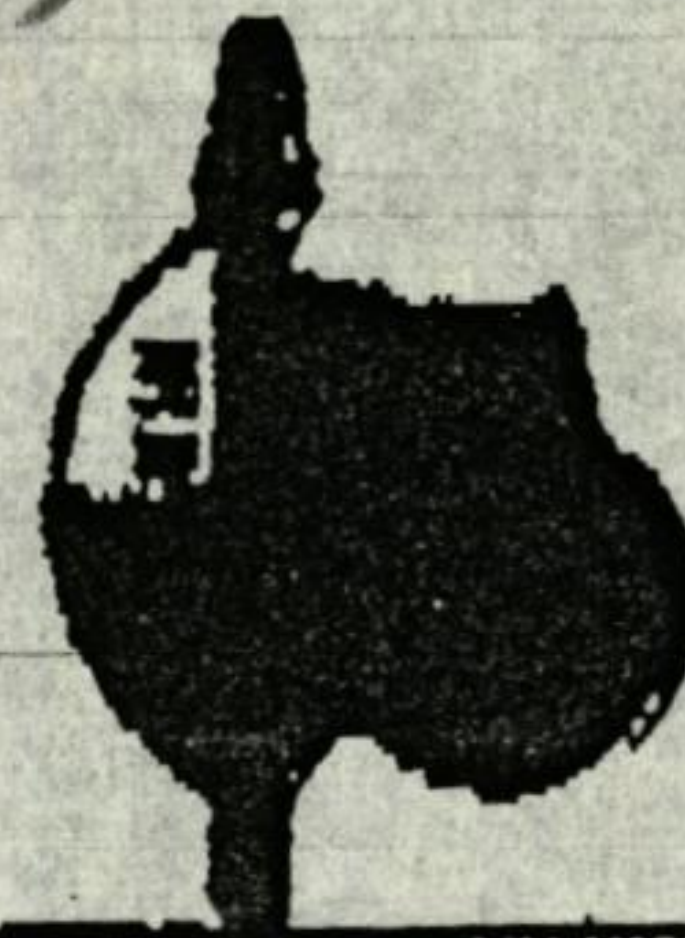


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## AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

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### MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** THE NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (NPC)  
OF THE ANC NATIONAL CONFERENCE (1990)

**TO:** ALL REGIONS, BRANCHES, UNITS AND MEMBERS

**SUBJECT:** PREPARATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dear Comrades

1. The NEC/ILC meeting of 20-21-22 June, 1990, reaffirmed earlier decisions that the first legal and National Conference of the ANC in nearly 30 years, be held in December 1990.

2. Accordingly, the NEC/ILC appointed a National Preparatory Committee (NPC) to prepare for Conference. The NPC which will account directly to the NEC, will work in close cooperation with the National Organising Committee and will seek to coordinate all conference preparatory activities in the regions and branches.

3. The National Preparatory Committee is composed of the following:

- Cde. Alfred Nzo,	Secretary General
- Cde. Henry Makgothi,	Assistant Secretary General
- Cde. Valli Mosea	
- Cde. James Stuart,	NEC Convenor
- Cde. Ignatius Jacob	(SAYCO), alternatively
- Cde. Mpho Lekgoro	(SAYCO)
- Cde. Mavivi Manzini,	ANC Women's League
- Cde. Neil Morrison,	COGATU
- Cde. Johnny Issel,	Western Cape
- Cde. Gugile Nkwinti,	Eastern Cape
- Cde. P. Gordon,	Southern Natal
- Cde. Lucille Meyer,	Border

3.1 Due to pressure of other duties, some members of the NPC will serve in an ex-officio capacity.

4. Over the past twenty years, the African National Congress has held a number of important consultative conferences and extended NEC meeting. These took place in Morogoro, Tanzania (1969) Lusaka, Zambia (1971), Morogoro (1975), Luanda, Angola (1978), and Kabwe, Zambia (1985).

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5. The current situation requires that once more our movement, in all its sections, should gather for the principal purpose of answering questions - how do we, together, view the task of intensifying the struggle for the achievement of our cherished goal - the establishment of a united, non-racial, democratic South Africa; and, what should be our policies in political, legal-constitutional, socio-economic, economic and cultural spheres in a new South Africa; and finally, how do we assess the current situation, what is the way forward and what are the lessons we should draw from all our accumulated experiences.
6. The historic importance of the forth-coming ANC National Conference cannot be over-emphasised. Its success will, to a large extent, depend on the levels of political mobilization achieved within each region during the course of preparation, the seriousness with which all documents circulated to the regions and branches are discussed/debated, and the speed with which regions and branches respond to the various issues raised by the NPC.
7. The NPC accordingly urges all regions to immediately establish Regional Preparatory Committees (RPC) whose tasks will be to spearhead preparations within each region and branch.
  - 7.1 Secondly, the NPC invites all convenors of Regional Preparatory Committees to a one-day plenary session of the NPC, to be held in Johannesburg, on Friday, 27th July 1990, to discuss preparations for the National Conference.
  - 7.2 Finally, the NPC urges all regions and branches to begin immediately, discussions of "ANC Interim Constitutional Framework". We further urge all regions/branches through their RPC to forward to the NPC your considered views on this important document by not later than the first week of August 1990.
8. In the name of the National Executive Committee and the Internal Leadership Core, we call on all members to participate actively in all activities in preparation for our National Conference. We have the possibility to achieve victory. Our historic National Conference must contribute to the translation of that possibility into reality. So, comrades, let us tackle this task with the same resolve and dedication displayed in all our previous campaigns.