

# ANC seeks talks with Pretoria

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LUSAKA, Friday: The National Executive of the African National Congress has announced that it is working towards a position for negotiations with the South African Government and debated proposals drawn up by Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr Alfred Nzo, the general-secretary of the ANC, told the first meeting of ANC leaders from inside and outside South Africa: "Work must begin without delay to prepare our negotiating position ... If we do not do this we will definitely surrender the initiative to the regime and enable it to impose its own solution ... We shall also consider what to do in the event that the ANC is formally unbanned."

Mr Nzo asked if the ANC should then operate "solely as a legal movement, or whether we

will continue to maintain some underground units".

Mr Nzo also said that the National Executive had received proposals from Mr Mandela, who remains detained in South Africa. According to sources here, the proposals relate to a negotiating strategy.

On Tuesday Mr Nzo called for "an intensification of the armed struggle", but yesterday, in a marked departure from past policy, he candidly acknowledged that the movement could not do this. He said: "We must admit that we do not have the capacity within our country to intensify the armed struggle in any meaningful way."

There is no longer any doubt that the ANC and the South African Government will shortly enter into talks of some sort. The only question now is when and on what terms.

Last year the Harare Declaration adopted by the Organisation of African Unity laid down that

there could be no negotiations until certain conditions were met. These include political prisoners being released, people and political parties unbanned, troops out of the townships, the state of emergency lifted and political trials and executions stopped.

Many thought Pretoria would never fulfil these conditions, but Mr F. W. de Klerk, the South African President, does appear to be fulfilling some of them to create the climate for negotiations. There are fears in the movement that if it refuses this chance to meet Pretoria's leaders, it will remain in opposition indefinitely.

However, as a liberation movement committed to the overthrow of the apartheid State, the ANC is not used to diplomacy and negotiating. Until Mr Mandela is released, there is no clear leader.

Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, suffered a stroke last year and is now in a Stockholm clinic, unlikely to play a major

role again. The movement must unify itself by finding places on the National Executive for the recently released members and others within South Africa, but this cannot be done while the movement is banned in South Africa. Some members disagree with negotiations altogether.

While the movement makes up its mind when to talk, it must maintain unity and international pressure. Pretoria will try to split the ANC, possibly by unbanning the ANC but not the South African Communist Party, many of whose members hold senior posts in the ANC. And once talks start the ANC may find it is stuck to the table.

Superpower detente, the Soviet Union's quiet abandonment of militant movements in Africa and the inability of the frontline States to support armed force against South Africa, mean it will be difficult for the ANC ever to go back to war and boycott.

While there is optimism about

talks beginning, there is little evidence that the two sides can agree on a future South Africa. The ANC's Freedom Charter, even with its recent modifications, cannot be reconciled with Pretoria's five-year plan put forward by the National Party in September which still speaks of group rights and retains aspects of apartheid.

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## ANC MEMBERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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| 1. Eddie Funde             | Chief Representative                  |
| 2. Ndumiso Ntshinga        | Assistant Chief Representative        |
| 3. Michael Mzobe           | R P C Secretary and Treasurer-Student |
| 4. Yvonne Motsisi          | - Women's Section Head                |
| 5. Nompumelelo Zokwe       | - Regional Women's Section Secretary  |
| 6. Cross Jonas             | - Student                             |
| 7. Saul Pelle              | - Work Experience                     |
| 9. Ike Nzo                 | - Student                             |
| 10. Reason Moema           | - Worker                              |
| 11. Tumelo Motsisi         | - Student                             |
| 12. Nosizwe Funde          | - Part time Student                   |
| 13. Lux Motoa              | - Work Experience (DAC)               |
| 14. Vuyani Toni            | - Student                             |
| 15. Nomakhosazana Ntshinga | - Awaiting sholarship                 |
| 16. Virginia Modise        | - Work Experience                     |

### Melbourne

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| 1. Terrence February | - Worker                              |
| 2. Jacob Manaka      | - Worker (Awaiting residence permitt) |
| 3. Elsie Manaka      | - (Maternity leave)                   |

### Maitland

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| 1. Kwena Wanga |  |
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### Adelaide

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| 1. Fanele Mbali | - Student            |
| 2. Agnes Mbali  | - Midwifrey training |

### Perth

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| 1. Humphrey Mkhwanazi | - Reaserch Fellow (University of Western Australia) |
| 2. Nambitha Shongwe   | - Social Worker                                     |
| 3. Titus Kotsoe       | - Student   |
| 4. Dimakatso Kotsoe   | - Student   |

### New Zealand (Wellington)

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| 1. Gcinile Mabhulu | - Student         |
| 2. Andile Njobe    | - Work Experience |
| 3. Simon Manana    | - Work Experience |
| 4. Nick Mahlatsi   | - Work Experience |

### CANBERRA

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| 1. Victor Modise | - Student |
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