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MEMORANDUM

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DXFE: FEBRUARY 12. 1993

Dear Vomrades
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VELOPMENT CON FERENC E

f'he Departmcm 01" Arts and Culture of the zmican National Congress win be holding a
"(wulturc and Dcvciopment Conference" from Sunday, 25 to Friday 30 April. 1993. 'This
mil culminate in a national cultural manu'estation. including the bunch of an imemats'ona
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Mm. Both events will take place in Inhanmsburg. The fundamental objectives 01' this
cmdbrenc are :

.r. 'I'he tbrmulation of a non-scctarian democratic cultural policy involving all key cul
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stakeholders;

h. The presentation of draft policy on the mic of a democratic government in lhc sphere o
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culture.

c. In place the issue of the cultural dimension of development dccisiwly on the nalionl
pniitlcal agenda.

d. The cstablishmenL aftermthc conference. of; Cultural Development Project whose main
9.21% will be m impicment strategies and poh'cics arising out 01' the conference.

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.zdig'AC'). the: Chic Association of the Transvaai (Cb-XS'D. Ihc Soulh Aih'can Communist
Party (SAC?) and the South African Workers ('Tultural Linil (SAWCIJ), has been tkmned

to guide and assist the cunvcncrs mth thc conceptualisau'on of thc- conxercncc. The. DACT
intends broadening the steering committee to invoke ulhcr cuimral players across the: bro
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The immediate tasks facing the steering committee are :

1. The formation of a board of tmstees that will act as custodian of both the conference and the CDP. The board of tmstees will be as inclusive as possible and will consist nt' vanous perscms who are not necessarilly ot' a high political profile. but are of standing within their various communities and have a keen interest in cultural affairs. as well as a

Eungestanding commitment to issues of democracy and development.

.2. 'lhe ltmnation Of intematt'onal committees whose responsibilities will be to give inp m

mm the conference. but also to nsmst with. either sponsoring or raising funds for it.

The DAG. hopes. through this initiative. to play a role in the nation-building process wh ich

South Africa is so desperately in need of.

Wc- therefore mite to you to request for your assistance in identifying key cultural pers ons

to participate in the conference. who could also assist in defining the content 01' the m ennt'erencc (including gaining access to inflamattion. training opportunities. opportuni ties

for comparative research, and so forth). It should be menu'zmcd that. given the current economic situation. all foreign guests will be expected to provide for their own nights. :tceomnodatjnn. etc.

We shall continue brieftng you on progress in regard to the conference and look forward to your early response.

'-.V'ith Best Regards

In the Year ofVotes For All!

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