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Mr Bulcha Demeska
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19 February, 1991.

Dear Mr Demeska,

Re: Development Management Unit

Following consultations with Mr M. Lubega and Mr M. Uisapaa in Arusha on 13-14 February, 1991, at which the African National Congress identified its priorities and perspectives for the remainder of the 4th Cycle and the forthcoming 5th Cycle of UNDP assistance to NLM's, the ANC hereby requests UNDP assistance with the establishment of a DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT. This Unit, inter alia, will enable the Movement to plan and coordinate assistance from UN agencies and other donors.

Over the years of exile the ANC's development projects have increased in number and scope and through UNDP assistance we have been able to increase the capacity of the Projects and other ANC Departments to administer projects and generally to meet the requirements of donors. We refer in particular to the training offered for administrators and project management personnel.

After the unbanning of the ANC in February 1990, the Movement decided to continue with it's external projects while at the same time planning it's role and preparing cadres for development within South Africa. This necessitates the establishment of a Development Management Unit, based in Tanzania and comprising a core of qualified ANC project management personell with the capacity to plan, implement and evaluate development programmes and projects.

A second major task of the Development Management Unit will be to coordinate with donors, ensuring smooth bilateral and multilateral relations with regard to planning, reporting and accountability.

Furthermore, the Development Management Unit will enable proper coordination with ANC structures and other development actors within South Africa.

The role of UNDP and other UN agencies in a future democratic South Africa requires careful consideration and forward planning. It is envisaged that the Development Management Unit will monitor the situation and liase closely with UNDP and other UN Agencies in this regard.

The African National Congress requests the assistance of a consultant from the United Nations Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to formulate a project proposal for the establishment of the Development Management Unit. Given the urgency of setting up the Unit we would appreciate the the assistance as soon as it is feasible.

With appreciation of the ANC for UNDP cooperation and assistance to the victims of *Apartheid*.

Yours sincerely,

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