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THE ANC WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY GENERAL GELDENHUYS YESTERDAY EVENING, 31ST AUGUST 1990, THAT THE NOTORIOUS CIVIL COOPERATION BUREAU (CCB) IS TO BE DISSOLVED AND DISBANDED.

HOWEVER, WE CANNOT BUT CONSIDER THIS A HURRIED MEASURE DESIGNED TO CONCEAL FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE'S KILLER SQUADS AND ASSASSINATION TEAMS. IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CCB COMES ON THE EVE OF THE RE-COMMENCEMENT OF THE HARMS COMMISSION HEARINGS. THE MURDEROUS ACTIVITIES OF THE CCB, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA, ARE A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO EVERY SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN. IT IS THEREFORE VITAL THAT THEY BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR-GENERAL LIEBENBERG, AS HEAD OF THE SADF, UNFORTUNATELY, DOES NOT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS. AS FORMER COMMANDER OF THE SADF'S SPECIAL FORCES, GENERAL LIEBENBERG HAS DIRECT RESPONSABILITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE CCB. HIS ELEVATION IN THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT SUGGESTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF DISCLOSING THE FULL EXTENT OF THE SPECIAL FORCES ROLE AND GENERAL LIEBENBERG'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THOSE OPERATIONS.

THE ANC INSISTS ON THE RIGHT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE TO FULL AND COMPLETE DISCLOSURE OF THE EXTENT CCB'S STRUCTURE, ITS OPERATIONS AND OPERATIVES, WHO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMES COMMITTED IN DEFENCE OF APARTHEID. WE DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL WHO ESTABLISHED AND COMMANDED THESE STRUCTURES BE CHARGED AND HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CRIMES.

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