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It has come to the attention of the Regional Preparatory Committee that rumours are going around that the problems encountered in the running of the Conference are as a result of proper preparation by the Regional Preparatory Committee.

The RPC would like to put the record straight. The problems arose from the fact that:

(1) Funds from Headquarters come in bits and pieces. The last cheque arrived day before yesterday this money is not even enough to meet all the bills.'

(2) The RPC was never provided with a typewriter nor allowed to hire one.

(3) The venue of the Conference changed last week. at this time the Regional Convenor was in Johannesburg. she was informed by the HQ that this was done through the recommendation of the technician who was going to install the simultaneous translation equipments. On the return of the Regional Convenor she was informed that the day she landed in Johannesburg, that is the day before the technician arrived in Kimberley from Joburg, Cde Feroza phone one cde in Kimberley to tell her to change the venue.

(4) On the arrival of the first batch and subsequently the members of the National Preparatory Committee a joint meeting with the Regional Preparatory Committee was never held until the night of the 24th when there was a crisis and some of the delegates were sleeping in the open.

(5) Two offices existed one at the ANC office and one at the Kimberley Sun. There was a communication breakdown.

(6) Allocation of hotel accommodation was changed without consultation with the Regional Preparatory Committee the RPC only knew at the meeting of the 24th who was staying where.

(7) The Sunarama hotel which has been hired at R1 500 and we believed 800 chairs hired at 2 has not been installed.

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(8) Vattresses which have been hired exorbitant prices are standing full in the ANC office and private accommodation in the Township has not been utilised.

(9) The Regional Preparatory Committee only knew that there was going to be a procession from the City Hall to the conference venue then it saw this 33 the timetable during the opening session. the RPC had advised against the march because no permit was applied for. This confusion resulted in an argument between the transport officer and the convenor as to why he (transport officer) did not provide transport to take guests and Leaders to the venue.

The RPC had organised interpreters but was told by the HPC that only professionals are wanted. Yesterday the RPC was told to organise interpreters

(11) Women Comrades as guides to our guests were organised, but were rudely dismissed by a member of NPC.

(12) RPC took upon itself to organise sight-seeing for our visitors, but cannot be expected to receive and see guests to their cars. It was embarrassing to see our guests on their own. This is lack of protocol.

(13) MARSHALLSCEiPRO have been another headache. In spite of the presence of the PRC officials the marshalls have gone out of hand they sleep and eat in hotels. The PRO also issues instructions contrary to the ones issued by the RPC. RPC would like to point out that it does not deny its shortcomings. The problems it had were exacerbated by headquarters. The Regional Preparatory Committee would like to apologise to any inconvenience caused the delegates and the leadership.