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ANC PRESS STATEMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF MISUSE OF FUNDS

The report in the Sowetan of 24 April, 1992, derived from uThe European" . alleging ANC misuse of funds is totally unsubstantiated. The Financial support which the ANC and the democratic movement receive is critical in enabling the people of South Africa to resist a despotic and corrupt regime. The international community considered racism so heinous that the it declared apartheid a crime against humanity.

The author, Peter Taylor, does not suggest that any organisation or body has voiced complaints about the ANCTs misuse of funds. For the record we state that:

Firstly, regular financial reports are, and have always been, submitted to donor bodies and the ANC makes every effort to adhere to stringent financial procedures. Secondly, the ANC has both an internal audit department as well as external auditors who produce an audited financial report annually.

Peter Taylor implies that both Mr Hani and Mr Tshwete's children are enrolled in private schools on the strength of monies received from the ANC. His snide comment on penthouse suites is in the same vein. To Peter Taylor, it would appear, decent accommodation and schooling are the exclusive prerogative of whites. When black people strive for reasonable living standards they are labelled "corrupt".

We consider this report mischievous and consistent with efforts to portray the ANC as corrupt and its officials as big spenders who are contemptuous of ordinary people. It is ironic that while unfounded allegations of supposed ANC corruption make headlines the real, palpable

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corruption of the apartheid regime is ignored.

The ANC reserves the right to have recourse to the law to redress any slanderous innuendos made against it and its officials.

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