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African National Congress (Toronto)
Unit Meeting June 8 1992

Present : Jabu, Ebrahim, Baboo, Mervyn, Jerome, Zunade, Margie
Apology: Zeib

Report from the office by Jabu: The Toronto Education Board Anti-apartheid conference successful.

- announcements: June 14 event at Ontario Place at 1.00pm
- June 16 event at the Bamboo with Siyakha and Victor
- Briefing session with the premier on Codesa 2 on June 18 at 10.30 am.
- We need to urgently implement the plan to assist in the office.
- We are in a critical financial state, we cannot continue on this hand to mouth basis.

Reorganization in Canada: Baboo, Mervyn and Jerome brought a proposal to revitalize the ANC and the S A community in Canada. The model would more closely follow the structures back home, with greater autonomy to the units across the country but with stronger communication with the chief rep and other units. In Toronto they propose to mobilize the SA community "where they live" which is mostly not in downtown Toronto but in suburbs and outlying towns such as Markham and Brampton. The idea is to do outreach through information meetings or social events with the object of building the community rather than overt recruitment or building partisan support for the ANC. ANC facilitators/mobilizers would take responsibility for organizing the events and the subsequent interest groups and report back to the unit. More detail in the enclosed sheet.

- Discussion:
- target groups like youth, women, culture
 - organize around 'South Africaness'
 - braaivleis, sport
 - there are facilitating/educational models for community development to look at and use eg Naming the Moment (called State of the Nation in SA)
 - Mervyn, Jerome and Baboo will meet again to flesh out, all welcome June 21 at Jeromes 4.00pm

Communication within the ANC Canada: Needs improvement.
Suggestions; send minutes of our meetings

- make conference calls
- develop directory idea
- newsletter (maybe called State of the Nation)
- secretary to write to all units with these ideas and ask for their minutes
- Baboo to send tapes of Victor's briefings to all units

Finances: Immediate urgent problem, we need rent money for both Toronto and Ottawa office for July. Running both offices requires a minimum of \$5,000 a month

Chief Rep debriefing: Baboo will try and set up a meeting with Victor on his return for June 17

Next meeting: There will be no general unit meetings in July or August

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