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Dear Cde Ernest,

RE: SEMINAR ON THE MIXED ECONOMY IN A POST APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA

We wish to inform you that the Department of Economics and Planning (DEP) in collaboration with the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) and the Economics Trend Group ( a group of South African economists and researchers doing work for COSATU ) is organising a seminar on the South African economy to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe from April 29 - 1 May 1990.

#### OBJECTIVES

The first In-House seminar of ANC economists held in Lusaka from 14 - 17 August 1989 under the auspices of the DEP and the subsequent DEP consultative meeting held in Harare from 19 - 20 November 1989, strongly recommended the holding of a seminar on the South African economy with participants coming from inside and outside the country and drawn from the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) and the ANC.

Such a seminar, it was felt, would serve both as a platform for the further elaborate of the economic clauses of the ANC constitutional Guidelines and as a vehicle for debate and discussion within and between the ANC and the democratic movement on economic issues, and moving towards the elaboration of a comprehensive, consistent and a common perspective on the economy.

The recent developments in the country underline both the importance and the urgency for the honing of such a seminar which will examine the intricacies of the South African economy as a whole in order to formulate an alternative strategy for a non-racial, democratic and just South Africa.

In a number of informal meetings held (in Lusaka, London, Luusanne, Paris, and Harare) between members of the DEP and research units/groups from home, the need for cooperation and coordination of research efforts was emphasised. The seminar will therefore, also address the whole question of coordination and harmonisation of research activities.

#### SEMINAR DATES, VENUE AND PARTICIPANTS

As already indicated the seminar is scheduled to take place in Harare from the 29 April to 1 May 1990. The participants drawn from inside and outside the country would be between 40 - 45 and would include some ANC NEC members as well as COSATU Officials.

#### SEMINAR PAPERS

To allow for editing and reproduction, papers for presentation at the seminar (which should be policy oriented) should be in by 15 April 1990 at the latest. And these should be either posted, faxed or delivered to the DEP in Lusaka.

Topics/themes for papers to be presented at the seminar are left to the individual presenters but these should be policy oriented and cover any of the following areas:

MACRO ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

AGRICULTURE AND THE LAND QUESTION

INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

LABOUR

MINING AND MINERALS

GENDER AND THE ECONOMY

ENERGY

TRANSPORT

FINANCE INVESTMENT TAXATION

EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

Background papers, books, handouts and other material on economic issues are welcome, either for display or for free distribution.

We wish to invite you Cde. Ernest to attend the seminar and present a paper on: TAXATION POLICY.

The seminar agenda Wlll be sent to you as soon as it is flnalized.  
Kindly confirm participation at your earllest convenience to enable  
us to make the necessary hotel reservations and flight  
arrangements.  
Sincerely Y s,