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NATIONAL OLYMPIC AND SPORTS CONGRESS  
OF SOUTH AFRICA (NSC)

Background:

The National Olympic and Sports Congress of South Africa (NSC) caters for national and regional sports disciplines and regional umbrella sports bodies on a broader scale than any of the sports organisations presently in existence. Within the short period of less than two years the NSC has affiliated to it more than thirteen sports disciplines at national level. The NSC also has regional affiliates. In South African terms the NSC is a non-establishment body catering largely but not exclusively for Blacks (Africans, Coloureds and Indians). We have established cordial working relationships with many white establishment organisations. Several of these are now contemplating affiliating to the NSC

The NSC presently caters for:

Athletics Karate Squash  
Cricket Netball Swimming  
Rugby Table tennis  
Football School Sports Tennis  
Hockey Soccer Volleyball  
and tertiary Institute Sports.  
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need for a mass-based sports movement in which individual players

are not only seen but also heard-

Terms of existence;

The NSC intends to exist as long as there is a need for it to

exist. Contrary to speculation from certain quarters the NSC has

not emerged to politicise sport - in fact it has been established

to depoliticise sport. The temptation for "quick fixes" along the

lines of multi-purpose organisations whereby mischievous

individuals, who have no political constituency, try to advance

their political aspirations through sport is discouraged. The NSC

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encourages its members to exercise their political activities in the numerous political organisations existing in the community and not to use sport to further their political aspirations. The Congress origins of the NSC are well known but this is not used to (E)

It is misleading to describe the populist tradition but merely defines the origins of the organisation which emerged out of the mass based political organisation. It is not surprising that it has overwhelming support inside and outside the country. We do not wish to describe political

alliances especially as it links with a political organisation will, in a post-apartheid set-up, militate against our desire to cater for the sporting needs of the entire country. The NSC is and should be seen as a sports organisation and not a political organisation.

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Entry into international sport:

We are unaware of any magical powers which we are perceived to have over the international community - we have no guarantees that what we do will lead to the opening of doors for South African sport. We genuinely believe that we should put our house in order and hereafter present our case to the community of nations and await their reaction. We accordingly would like to believe that we are dealing with people whose immediate objection is to have a strong case.

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Our recent council met 19 . our conclusion that any talk of international participation by South Africa, at the moment is premature, as none of the sports Federations can claim to have met even the minimum requirement of being united under the principle "one code, one controlling body". We nevertheless realise that we all have a responsibility to merge our resources into one national sports federation which will cater for competitive (Olympic and non-Olympic) and recreational sport. This regard we have reaffirmed our support for the sports moratorium (refrain from international participation) which we see as a tool, and not a primal 'ple, which we can use to forge a unified country. However, we will certainly consider other methods as options. One of these is the selective boycott which, in the circumstances so dictate and we receive the support of the majority of South Africans, we might need to consider.

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International links:

The NSC recognises that the route to international sport is through Africa on recommendations by South Africans themselves. The NSC has, accordingly, approached Sam Ramsamy of SAN-ROC to be their representative abroad. His role is intended to complement our efforts and set up the infrastructure without which our goal to be eventually part of the sporting community of nations cannot be realised. His role is also to open doors for our sportspersons in accordance with the needs of South African sports people as a whole. Sports development and technical assistance are presently urgent tasks on the NSC agenda, particularly in light of the current imbalances between establishment sport and non-racial sport.

In the southern African context, this country falls within Zone 6 of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA). Through SAN-ROC, the NSC has established cordial relationships with the President of Zone 6, Mr Tommy Sithole and the Secretary General, Mr Ismail Bhanjee. At their Mauritius meeting last year, the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCOA) authorised its secretariat to grant "appropriate" recognition to the NSC, which was at its interim stage then. We expect this relationship to be developed now that the NSC is fully inaugurated. We have now established contacts with many organisations in various parts of the world with a pathetic understanding as our aims and intentions are compatible with those of the international community.

Overtures to establishment sport:

The NSC is not driven by malice and a desire to hit back at those who have benefited from apartheid. We believe that non-racial sport has higher ideals and therefore we need to seize any and all initiatives. The test we use to analyse the correctness of a position is whether it will advance or retard our cause in establishment of a non-racial sports structure in a democratic non-racial society. We look favourably at actions which will advance our cause and unfavourably at those which will retard it. We prefer to advance our cause while simultaneously eroding racism. We, accordingly, subscribe to the notion of two South Africas - thus identifying apartheid as the main cause of the South Africa sports problem. In terms of this notion apartheid which has badly splintered sport and has caused South Africa's exclusion from international sport, divides the country into pro-apartheid and anti-apartheid camps. The NSC believes in a strategy of simultaneously consolidating the fragmentation within the anti-apartheid camp whilst "reaching Out" to establishment sport. We believe that our cause is so strong that we are likely to succeed in overcoming opportunism and expedience.

We must also emphasise our seriousness about this country's sports programme. Journeymen, therefore, have no place in our set up. We

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participating in international sport. However, wide-spread overt  
international protests have not taken place in the past. This  
increased the confidence and arrogance of white establishment sport  
which, in turn, ebowed little or no respect For hlank spnrt  
The founding of the NSC reversed those trends. In 1989 the NSC  
organised pilot demonstrations against the touring i? ernational  
rugb; team invited by the South :African RJ-gby Board. In January  
and February of this year the NSC mobilised country-wide  
demonstrations against the so- called English rebel cricket team  
invited to tour our country by the establi.shmer t South African  
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Classic that they would abide by our call for a sports m0latorium  
on international exchanges.

Reaching out:

Accusations against NSC over tu res to establishment sport are mostly  
emotive. Charges include Mt temcnts 111.3 "mhesc pe-plc (Whites)  
have a hie- cry of dishonest ty" or "What are they giving up in the  
unification process?" Our ans swer is th hat we have no permanent  
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population if we did.

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the NSC, since inauguration and even .-ihen it was operating as an  
lhterlw committee, has campaigned vigoro ously for unity in sport as  
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several forums out of which dissussions on 590 orts unity have beEUh  
and are proceeding satisfactorily.

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for unity. The NSC is playing t e role of the honest brener ln  
reating the appropriate platfo rms for unity.

#### Snorts Charter:

The NSC has decided to launch a massive information gathering campaign where they will be asking sports people right down to player level to speak up and say what is needed to be reflected in NSC Policy Guidelines. This is to be achieved through a multi-pronged approach through a coordinating committee, an affiliate's forum and a call for input from the rank and file, over the next few months. The outcome of the campaign is-going to be a aOCument referred to as a Sports Charter which will be used to guide the organisation through its present course towards a truly mass-based sports movement based on nonuracialism, fair play and justice, and sport for all.

#### Olympic Committee:

The NSC, at its meeting on 20 October 1990, agreed to set up a

three-way task force, i.e. the NSC, SAN-ROC and SANOC, to investigate the feasibility of establishing a single Olympic body in South Africa. This meeting also set up a structure elected personnel who will liaise with other organisations and will, on behalf of the NSC, oversee the establishment of the new Olympic body.

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