

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

NATIONAL ISSUES

A. STATEMENT OF THE PROCESS OF CHANGE

The National Conference of the South African Council of Churches resolves as follows on the process of change:

1. That the government be called upon to remove the remaining obstacles to negotiations;
2. That a Constituent Assembly of the people of South Africa, freely elected by universal suffrage, is the most effective means of negotiating a future non-racial democratic South Africa, and should be established with all possible speed;
3. That we maintain our current position on sanctions and other pressures until irreversible change has been achieved;
4. That the following definition of irreversibility of change be adopted and popularised nationally and internationally:
  - 4.1 The dismantling of apartheid will be irreversible only when:
    - 4.1.1 A Constituent Assembly is constituted;
    - 4.1.2 Sovereign power is removed from the existing apartheid legislative structures and invested either in the Constituent Assembly or another agreed interim structure;
    - 4.1.3 The white minority cannot legally reverse or veto the process through the present unrepresentative legislative structures.

B. REQUESTS TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT

The National Conference of the South African Council of Churches resolves to call upon the South African Government to:

1. Widen the terms of reference of the HARMS COMMISSION to include activities beyond the boundaries of South Africa and immediately to dismantle the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB);
2. Abolish capital punishment in South Africa;
3. Immediately repeal the Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act as a sign of good faith on the part of the State President in the wake of the unjustified action against the Wilgerspruit Fellowship Centre;
4. Forthwith accept the COSATU/NACTU/SACCOLA accord and enact the urgent amendments to the Labour Relations Amendment Act which are embraced in the accord.





## AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

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### PRESS STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS Presented by Walter Sisulu, 28th June, 1990

The call for action by Cosatu and the UDF deserves the full support of all our people and their organisations. The terrible carnage taking place in Natal must stop. The situation calls for a national response. The rest of South Africa cannot be mere onlookers. It is only through mass protest that the Pretoria government and its creation, the KwaZulu bantustan, will be forced to act.

We reiterate in the strongest terms possible our support for the nationwide stayaway called for 2nd July. We urge all our people to heed this call, and to also engage in mass marches on July 7th. These actions are part of the peace process, which should culminate in a National Peace Conference on 4 August.

The urgent steps that need to be taken to achieve peace are clear:

- \* The State of Emergency must be lifted immediately
- \* The KwaZulu police force must be disarmed and disbanded
- \* The KwaZulu bantustan must be dismantled
- \* A judicial commission of inquiry must be appointed
- \* The warlords must be arrested and charged
- \* The SADF's 32 Battalion must be withdrawn from the area.



The programme of action will be as follows:



1. Stayaway on Monday 2nd July. This will not only affect Natal, but will be observed in all areas throughout the country.

2. National marches and rallies on Saturday 7th July. These will take place in all regions of the country (see attached list).

3. Local actions from 2nd - 6th July. Organisations in the locals around the country will be embarking on actions such as demonstrations, meetings, marches etc during this period. The type of action and the timing of such actions will depend on conditions in each local. We encourage all organisations to take the initiative to express their solidarity with the people of Natal during this period.

### **Call for discipline**

COSATU, UDF and SAYCO call for discipline and restraint during the week of action and particularly during the stayaway. Our organisations are making sure that the reasons for the stayaway are fully explained to the people. No one will be forced to participate in the stayaway against their will. In addition, Journalists and health workers will not be expected to participate in the stayaway irrespective of whether they support it or not. On the other hand we also call on those who oppose the mass action to respect the rights of the people who want to participate in the stayaway.

### **Call to the police**

We call on the police to refrain from intimidating the people and trying to prevent them from engaging in this mass action. Recent experience clearly demonstrates that where the police restrain themselves, there is minimal violence in these situations. Police intervention and provocation can only result in violence and deaths.

We also call on the police and Inkatha to stop distributing smear pamphlets in an attempt to disrupt the action. On Thursday the 21 June a member of the Kwa-Zulu Legislative Assembly, Mr A Ndlovu, was seen distributing pamphlets in New Hanover area, driving a vehicle with the number plate NK 5544J. This pamphlet attacks Cosatu and its General Secretary Jay Naidoo and is both defamatory and inflammatory. The vehicle has been traced and discovered to belong to the District Commandant of the SAP in Pietermaritzburg. This is one more incident confirming that SAP and Inkatha are working hand in hand to destroy all opposition in Natal. We call for an immediate investigation and the dismissal of those responsible.



### Call to organisations opposing the mass action.

The overwhelming majority of anti-apartheid organisations in our country have expressed support for the week of mass action. However the PAC and PAC-aligned organisations have opposed the mass action. This does not surprise us as the PAC has a record of opposing all mass action embarked on by the ANC and the MDM. They have opposed previous stayaways, rent boycotts etc. They opposed the defiance campaign, which also contributed to their unbanning. They opposed the Conference for a Democratic Future. Despite this all these mass actions and initiatives were highly successful because they had overwhelming support from the people.

Nevertheless these divisive calls and actions by the PAC can only benefit the enemy. We therefore call on them, even at this late stage, to withdraw their opposition to the mass action, and to contribute towards pressurising the regime to end the violence in Natal. Attacking us through the press will make no contribution in this direction.

### Call to ordinary Inkatha members

This mass action is not aimed at you, the ordinary Inkatha members. It is aimed at the warlords, the Kwa-Zulu police the South African Government and all those perpetrating this senseless violence in Natal.

We are appealing to Inkatha members who are disgusted with the atrocities being committed in your name to participate in this mass action against the war in Natal. We know that many Inkatha members do not support what the warlords and the Inkatha leadership is doing. Now is the opportunity to demonstrate this through united mass action with your brothers and sisters

### International support.

We have received enormous international support for our campaign for peace in Natal. Tens of millions of workers organised in the ICFTU, CTUC, WFTU and many other trade union federations have expressed support for our campaign. This support has also been expressed by the ILO and anti-apartheid organisations around the world. We call on the international community to step up the campaign against the war in Natal and to put pressure on FW De Klerk to meet our peoples demands.

### Call for an end to all apartheid violence against our people.

Apartheid violence is increasing against our people. The war in Natal is the most extreme example, but it has taken many other forms. Police brutality, vigilante attacks in the townships, death squad assassinations, and right wing fascist violence are all continuing under FW De Klerk's Government.



The week of action will be focusing on Natal, but we will also be demanding an end to all these acts of apartheid terror against our people. Until apartheid terror in Natal and other parts of our country is ended, there can be no question of there being a climate of free political activity. The week of national mass action is therefore also intended to bring home to De Klerk that unless decisive action is taken to end this violence, the government is seriously jeopardising the process of negotiations.

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# OUR DEMANDS FOR PEACE IN NATAL

Chief Buthelezi's actions have ruled out peace talks immediately as a means to a solution. We are demanding of F.W. de Klerk, that he must take certain steps to end the war and to create a climate for peace.

1. The KwaZulu police must be disbanded. This is the private army of Chief Buthelezi. The ZP is responsible for much of the havoc, although, as police, they are supposed to be "peace-keepers", responsible for this safety of all people. The South African government has given KwaZulu this power. They must now take this power away. It is impossible for one party in this "war" to be responsible for the safety of all the people.
2. The State of Emergency must be lifted in Natal. There is no reason why the State of Emergency must continue in Natal. It has been used as a cover for police atrocities in the province.
3. The warlords must be arrested and prosecuted. There is ample evidence of crimes by particular warlords.
4. A Commission of Enquiry into police activity in Natal must be established. Those in the police force guilty of atrocities and murders must be exposed and disciplined.
5. The security forces must play an effective and impartial role as peace-keepers. If the SADF and SAP are not capable, then we need to look at other means to establish effective peace-keeping.
6. Freedom of political activity must be guaranteed to all parties. This implies that all organisations, including the ANC, should be able to set up branches and operate freely even in KwaZulu.



MARCHES & RALLIES

There will be marches in:

Southern Natal	Durban to CR Swart police Station.
Western Cape	Cape Town to Caledon Square and Loop Street (head quarters of SAP)
Johannesburg	Johannesburg to John Vorster Square.
Northern Cape	There will be rallies in Kimberley Bloemfontein
Northern Transvaal	A march to be held on the 7th in Pretoria permission still awaited.
Highveld	Rally and march to be held on the 7th in Secunda.
Eastern Cape	March and rallies to be held on the 7th. Route and venues still being finalised.
Northern Natal	Inkatha threat makes marches impossible.
Western Transvaal	Permission refused for a march-shop steward council to discuss this tomorrow.