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NATIONAL OLY
MPIC AND SPORTS CONGRESS
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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 Africa

-zcan terms the NSC is a non-establishment
body catering largely but not exclusively for Blacks (Africans,
'CululuLeds and indians). We have established cordial working
relationships with many organisations. Several
- white establishment

of these are now contemplating affiliating to the NSC.

The NSC presently caters for:

Athletics Karate Squash

Boxing Netball Swimming

Cricket Rugby Table tennis

Football School Sports Tennis .

Hosiey Softball Volleyball

and Tertial; Institute Sports.

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stand for. There was a need for sport to be delivered to all the
people of South Africa in all the corners of the country, i.e. the
need for a massbased sports movement in which individual players
are not only seen but also heard-

Terms of existergg;

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 quickness 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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 the numerous political organisations chisting in the community and
 no: to use sport to further their political aspirations. The
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 igtd out of the mass-based
 enjoying overwhelming support inside and
 outside the country. We do not wish to prescribe political
 eililiaLluu especially as 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.
 gntry into international sport:
 We are unaware of any magical powers which we are perceived to have
 over the international community. We have no guaraitees that what
 we do will lead to the opening of doors for South AfriCan sport.
 We genuinely believe that we should put our heuse in order and
 thereafter present our case to the community of nations and await
 their reaction. We accordingly would like to believe that w e
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 Our recent council meeting Uh . , -5 lon_\$_
 that any talk of international perticieation 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 ur
 resources into one national sports federation which will cater f0
 competitive (Olympic and nonuOlympic) and recreational sport. I"
 this regard we have reaffirmed our support for the spert"
 moratorium (refrain from international participation) which we see
 29 a t_ol, and not a principle, which we can use to forge ulubc;
 nn-rweratimn with other sports organisations in our ecuntry.
 However, we will certainly consiier other methods as options. One
 of these is the selective boycott which, if circumstances so
 dictate and we receive the support of the majority of South
 Africans, we might need to consider.

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 SANeROC 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 (SCSA) 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. It is 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.

1.53. 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. Journeyman, therefore, have no place in our set up. We

certainly know first hand what apartheid is like to us and we do not wish to use that as an excuse for shunning our fight to both manage and mismanage our destiny.

Protests Against International Sports Exchanges

The disadvantaged section of South African sport has always been against South Africa, or shall we still let South Africa participate 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, showed little or no respect for black sport. The founding of the NSC reversed those trends. In 1989 the NSC organised pilot demonstrations against the touring international rugby team invited by the South African Rugby Board. In January and February of this year the NSC organised country-wide demonstrations against the so-called 19115 rebel cricket team invited to tour our country by the establishment South African Cricket Union. The demonstrations against the tour were reported throughout the world. The success of the NSC mobilisation resulted in the tour being prematurely terminated. The termination of the tour was historic in that such a thing has never happened before. Apartheid sports tours were, at last, effectively curtailed in the country itself. Since then various eye-catching demonstrations; and threats of RSC demonstrations have aborted several international sport exchanges; establishment sport only recently the NSC succeeded in obtaining an assurance from the organisers of the Sun City Million Dollar international Golf Classic that they would abide by our call for a sports moratorium on international exchanges.

Reaching out:

Accusations against NSC overtures to establishment sport are mostly emotive. Charges include statements like "These people (whites) have a history of dishonesty" or "What are they giving up in the unification process?" Our answer is that we have no permanent enemies - we would be excluding a fair proportion of our country's population if we did.

Since inauguration and even when it was operating as an interim committee, has campaigned vigorously for unity in sport as a prerequisite for international recognition. We have created a pre several forums out of which discussions on sports unity have begun and are proceeding satisfactorily.

Many establishment organisations are now showing great enthusiasm for unity. The NSC is playing the role of the honest broker in creating the appropriate platforms for unity.

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Sports Charter:

The NSC has decided to launch a massive campaign where they will be asked for information gathering

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player level to speak up and say what is needed to be reflected in to be achieved through a multi-

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Policy Guidelines. This is

a long-term approach through a coordinating committee,

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 document

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 non-racialism, fair play and justice, and sport for all.

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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 electing

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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General Secretary

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