STATEMENT BY MJ MAHLANGU AND PJ GORDHAN

The Supreme Court today confirms that the appropriate place for the Kwa Zulu Government and the Inkatha Freedom Party is at the World Trade Centre. The Court is not the appropriate forum to resolve disputes of an essentially political nature.

We believe that having explored this legal avenue as is its right, the Kwa Zulu Government allies should now return to the Negotiating Process which provides ample opportunity for discussing and arriving at agreements which can serve to reassure all interests.

Indeed this Court's judgement, in our view, be morally binding on the Kwa Zulu Government and the Inkatha Freedom Party and requires that the interests of the whole country and all its people's should be the foremost concern of all political actors.

Negotiations remain the only way to achieve a peaceful and democratic South Africa which we strive to establish. The Inkatha Freedom Party and the Kwa Zulu Government have a vital contribution to make to the process.

We believe that the Supreme Court ruling today paves the way for their return to the negotiating process at the World Trade Centre.

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