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PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA

TO: Mr Richard Rosenthal
Technical Committee
on Electoral Act +
IEC

Dear Richard

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I attach also the Bulgarian
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Kind regards
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TO: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON THE IEC, MULTI PARTY
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FROM: DEMOCRATIC PARTY

COMMENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
 ON PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF
 THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

1. DIRECT PUBLIC FINANCING OF POLITICAL PARTIES DURING ELECTIONS

- 1.1. The DP supports the principle of public funding of parties which have met the criteria for registration. Such financing promotes political pluralism and contributes to the leveling of the playing fields.
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EXCERPTS FROM BULGARIA ELECTION LAW (1991)

DECISION No.317

OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1991

on the funding of the election campaign

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

D E C I D E D:

within the framework of the 1991 state budget, provide
2 000 000 leva which shall be allocated gratuitously to the