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**● MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL
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All the participants in the Negotiating Council are outraged and shocked by the brutal and senseless killing of the large and shocking number of innocent people in Tembisa , other East Rand townships and in the Witwatersrand generally.

This perennial and intensifying bleeding of the South African nation has to stop. Drastic measures must be taken to restore calm, peace among people, and security for every woman, child and man.

We were anxious to visit Tembisa ourselves to experience this sad tragedy, share in the loss of our people and directly express our condolences and sympathy to those who have lost members of their families in this spiralling and uncontrolled violence. Regrettably conditions in the township did not allow this visit to take place. We are intent in visiting the township as soon as it is possible.

In addition, we are urgently discussing other urgent measures which will help to reduce violence and death as must as possible.

This senseless carnage, this brutal madness must stop.

We call on our people to unite in restoring peace.

Surely we all want a South Africa in which our people can live free, proud, united in peace now and for the future.

We ask all our brothers and sisters to cease their hatreds and to help to bring peace to our people and to help change our country to one of hope for the future.