

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NEC MEMBERS

(DRAFT PROPOSAL)

1. All NEC members based at Headquarters (HQ) or present in Johannesburg for official business shall keep the Secretary General (SG) or his Deputy informed of tasks being carried out by them and shall (unless duties make it impossible) report to HQ or the office in which they are involved on a daily basis.
2. No NEC member shall leave the country or travel to other parts of the country without the authority of the SG or his Deputy. All applications for such travel must be made timeously and must specify the purpose of the trip, the period of absence and contact points throughout the journey. In the event of permission being refused, an appeal can be made to the President.
3. In the case of NEC members based in regions other than HQ, their internal travel shall be undertaken in consultation with the Region to which they are attached. Permission to leave the country must however be obtained from the SG or his Deputy.
4. Attendance at meetings of NEC and National Working Committee is obligatory and shall take precedence over any other meeting. If a member of the NEC is unable to attend because of any prior arrangement, he/she shall seek permission to be absent from the SG or his Deputy.
5. The proceedings of the NEC and its Working Committee and other leading structures are confidential. No NEC member shall convey the contents of the proceedings without express or implied authorisation. It shall also be the duty of NEC members to ensure the safety of all documents in their possession.
6. All NEC members shall be members of branches.

7. a) NEC members shall keep the SG or his Deputy informed (through written reports where considered necessary) of all meetings and assignments carried out. With embassies and other officials of governments, both local and foreign.
- b) All interviews with the media should be carried out with the knowledge of the DIP.

8. **GIFTS**

For purposes of this Code of Conduct a gift refers, *inter alia*, to:

- a) Any item of value supplied free of charge or at a reduced charge to the organisation;
- b) Any item of value given to an individual official of the organisation (Official refers to full-time employee and NEC members);
- c) Any form of subsidization of the ordinary expenses of an individual official, for example, payment of rent, purchase of flats or houses, provision of clothing, meeting expenses incurred by members of an individual's family such as payment of school fees, provision of leisure facilities, overseas travel etc.

8.1 **Sub-committee for the control of gifts and commercial matters**

The NEC shall establish a sub-committee for the control of gifts. It shall make recommendations to the NEC/NWC as to whether the receipt of any gift is in the interests of the organisation. Such sub-committee may also recommend how such gifts ought to be dispensed. It will also develop more comprehensive rules covering these matters for approval by the NEC.

8.2 **Procedure on receipt or offer of a gift**

Any member of the NEC who is offered or receives gifts