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## Negotiations Bulletin

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### WHAT IS THE NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN?

The Negotiations Commission has decided to issue a regular bulletin on a **confidential basis** to all regions of the ANC, ANC Youth League, ANC Women's League, Cosatu and the SACP. The purpose of the bulletin is to inform the structures of the ANC and its allies on a regular basis about all developments regarding negotiations. This is the first issue of the bulletin. In future issues we intend covering in greater detail the work and functioning of the Negotiations Commission. The bulletin will be one of the means through which it would be ensured that the membership of our organisation is consulted, informed and involved in all aspects of the negotiations process.

### THE NEGOTIATIONS COMMISSION

The Negotiations Commission is comprised of the following members of the National Working Committee (NWC): President(ex-officio), Deputy-President(ex-officio), National Chairperson(ex-officio), Cyril Ramaphosa, Joe Slovo, Thabo Mbeki, Jacob Zuma, Barbara Masekela and Mohammed Valli Moosa. The Commission has developed a comprehensive negotiations structure. This structure is to be presented to the next meeting of the NEC. The next issue of this bulletin will contain a detailed report of the ANC's comprehensive negotiations structure.

### PREPARATIONS FOR THE ALL-PARTY CONGRESS

Following the decision of the NEC on 31 July 1991 to demand for the installation of an Interim Government of National Unity (IG) as a response to the Inkathagate, and revelations about SADF involvement in death squads and the ongoing violence, the NWC began laying the groundwork for the convening of the All-Party Congress (APC). The NWC is to present to the next NEC meeting a detailed proposal on the APC. The proposal deals with the convenorship, composition, agenda and functioning of the APC.

The Negotiations Commission, in conjunction with the Constitutional Committee, held a workshop on the Interim Government on 25 September 1991. The workshop was attended by representatives of ANC regions, ANC Youth League, ANC Women's League, SACP and Cosatu in addition to members of the Constitutional Committee and the NEC. The NWC is now in a position to table proposals on the IG to the next NEC meeting.

In preparation for the Patriotic Conference, the NWC has held extensive discussions on the negotiations process with Azapo and the PAC. Discussions have also been held with the Democratic Party.

The NWC has instructed the Negotiations Commission to arrange bilateral talks with all other parties about the convening of the APC. Talks will be held in the near future with, inter-alia, the National Party, Labour Party, IFP, parties operating in the homelands, the governments of Venda and Transkei, etc. Steps have already been taken to arrange meetings with some of these parties. A detailed progress report will be submitted to the next NEC meeting. □