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MEMORANDUM OF THE OCCASION OF THE ANC WESTERN CAPE PROTEST AGAINST THE BLOCKADE OF THE TRANSKEI

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We wish to express our deep concern about the unilateral action of the Government in imposing a blockade on the Transkei.

We believe that this blockade, reminiscent of the attempt to force Lesotho into compliance a few years ago, takes place in open defiance of the spirit and the intentions of the current negotiations process.

If further proof were needed of the long overdue need to place the safety and security of the nation under multi-party control, this outrageous act against our fellow South Africans provides it.

It is clear, further, that the government is totally insensitive to the needs and convenience of some 16 000 South Africans who plan to travel to the Transkei over the Easter week-end. Already people are experiencing discomfort and illness through having to stand for hours in the hot sun.