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Re: GOLDSTONE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY

The ANC welcomes the progress made by the Goldstone Commission so far. Evidence led over the first two days marks the beginning of what we hope will be a full and thorough process of uncovering the truth behind security force involvement in the violence.

Wednesday's allegations by former Inkatha Youth Brigade leader, Mr Mbongeni Khumalo, were followed on Thursday by the first real admission that Military Intelligence was behind the funding of the covert training programmes reported recently in the Weekly Mail.

We believe that it is vitally important that the Goldstone Commission should not be hampered, as was the Harms Commission, by terms of reference that precluded real investigation. Indeed, because the negotiation process depends on a speedy end to covert activities by the security forces, it is imperative that the present scope of the investigation be broadened.

For some time now, the ANC has been demanding a proper investigation of the government's role in the violence. These demands have, however, always been met with bland denials from the security forces and government. It would seem that it is only when people from the inside come forward that any real action is taken.

We therefore urge members of the security forces and other implicated structures to come forward and give their evidence.

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