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# MEETING OF THE ANC/COSATU/SACP TRI-PARTITE ALLIANCE

The leadership of the ANC, COSATU and the SACP held an emergency meeting to review the implications of the revelations about state involvement in the violence and misuse of public funds.

The three organisations were of one view that the latest revelations seriously endanger the process of negotiations. In April, the ANC issued an Open Letter to the government demanding that a number of measures be taken to end the violence. The relevance of those demands is now more apparent than ever before. In the last several days, the reaction of senior government officials has been evasive rather than substantive. They seem not to understand the extent to which they have endangered, as never before, the possibility of a peaceful resolution to our country's problems.

We note that President FW De Klerk will be making a statement on Tuesday, 30 July. Our people will be watching De Klerk's performance very carefully. De Klerk will be judged in terms of his response to the demands which have been made by a wide range of forces, including ourselves. These are:

\* immediate dismissal from public office of Ministers Adriaan Vlok and Magnus Malan;

\* the establishment of a multi-party commission of enquiry to investigate government involvement in violence and the secret funding of political activity;

\* the visible and public dismantling of all SAP and SADF special counter-insurgency forces including those composed of foreigners;
\* the freezing and opening to public scrutiny of secret slush funds;

\* guaranteeing immunity to all members of the security forces and other state employees who wish to come clean on these covert operations;

\* prosecution of all security forces personnel identified by past Commissions as having been implicated in the violence; and

\* reparations by the regime to the victims of state-sponsored violence.

The latest revelations underline the fact that the present government cannot supervise the process of transition. We call on all South Africans of whatever political persuasion to unite behind the call for an Interim Government of national unity.

The tri-partite alliance will be reviewing the situation during the course of next week.

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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD

5. We must urgently implement the resolution of the ANC National Conference in July, 1991 to call a conference on rural development. The DEP should convene this conference.

## 4. <u>RESOURCES FOR REGIONS</u>

Conference notes the inefficient, inadequate and unequal allocation of resources - financial, transport and personnel - to the regions, and conference resolves that there be an urgent review of this to ensure that regions are able to develop structures and strategies for policy formulation and popularisation in their areas.

Conference further recommends, that regions undertake to set-up policy teams whose task will be to hold seminars, workshops and meetings in their regions, especially at branch level, to distribute and explain the ANC's policies and policy document.

### **REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT**

### L. The location of the section on environment:

The commission recommends strongly that the rightful place of the section on Environment in the ANC Policy Guidelines for a democratic South Africa is on Page 23 in the current document. This will ensure a flow in the discussions on the Economy, the Land and then the Environment.

The section would then becomes Section E, with the lettering and numbering altering accordingly.

### L1. BASIC OBJECTIVES

L.1 Replace 'Basic Objectives' with:

BROAD POLICY STATEMENT.

L.1.1 - Amend to read as follows:-

The ANC believes that all citizens of South Africa at present and in future, have the right to a safe and healthy environment, and to a life of well-being. Accordingly, the broad objectives of our environmental policy are aimed at fulfilling this right. In this context, growth and development within South Africa must be based on the criteria of sustainability.

L.2 Insert heading GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

L1.4 to become L2.1, and after "sectors", insert:

in line with this, our guiding principles are:-

L1.3 delete from 'Essential' to 'are', and

insert the following:

L2.1.1 - Sustainable development

L1.3 a) amend to L2.1.2

L1.3 b) amend to L2.1.3

Insert the following:

- L2.1.4 Public right of access to information and the counts on issues of environmental concern.
- L2.1.5 An integrated approach to environmental issues that relates to all sectors of society.

- L2.1.6 Recognition of the intergrated nature of the global environment and the need for international cooperation in policy making.
- L2. Delete title L2. and replace with:
- L.3 POLICY OBJECTIVES
- L.1.2 to become L3.1 with following amendments:-

(line 2) Delete from: "reversing" up to "create".

continue as follows:

"creating conditions conducive to sustainable development."

(line 5) Delete from "It" up to "that"

insert in its place:

"This requires"

(line 9) delete "for" replace with "to benefit"

L.2.1 replace by L.3.1.1, and

Amend as follows:

(line 1) replace "developed" by "pursued".

(line 3) replace "basic" by "the natural"

(line 3) replace "including ... up to water" by:

"required to satisfy their basic needs."

(line 4) delete "where possible"

(line 5) <u>Delete</u> "such ... up to wildlife" and <u>replace with</u>:

"within ecological constraints".

#### Insert new paragraph

L.3.1.2 A bias towards the development of appropriate environmental awareness programmes for all sectors of our society would reinforce harmonious and traditional links with the environment, and would ultimately empower people to participate in the planning, development and management of natural resources.

L.2.2 to become L.3.1.3, and

Amend as follows:

(line 1) replace "Current environmental" with

"The ANC will establish a"

Replace "legislation" with "legislative"

Replace "administration ... up to view" with:

"administrative system to"

(line 2) Replace "establishing an" with:

"ensure"

Delete "system of"

(line 3) after "management" insert:

"This should be supported by the right of public access to the courts".

(line 5) Delete "community and", and

Replace "interested individuals" with "communities"

Delete last sentence

L.2.3 to become L.3.1.4.

L.2.3.1 becomes L.3.1.4.1

Remove brackets before "using" and after "procedures"

L.2.3.2 to become L.3.1.4.2, and

Delete "essential"

L.2.3.3 to become L.3.1.4.3.

L.2.3.4 to become L.3.1.4.4., and

Insert new paragraph:

L.3.1.4.5 The introduction of legislative controls zimed at maximising the benfits while minimising the detrimental effects of alien species.

L.2.3.5 to become L.3.1.4.6.

after "environments", delete colon; add:

"with acceptable levels of noise and other forms of pollution".

Insert following paragraph:

L.3.1.4.7 A hierarchical system of waste management with the emphasis on pollution prevention and the precautionary principle.

L.2.3.6 to become L.3.1.5, and

after "with" insert:

"and participation in".

L.2.3.7 to become L.3.1.6.

Delete L.2.3.8 and replace with:

L.3.1.7 The redistribution of land must take into account measures which will ensure it will be used in an appropriate and sustainable manner.

- L.2.3.9 delete.
- L.2.3.10 delete.
- L.2.3.11 delete.
- L.2.3.12 delete.
- L.2.3.13 delete.
- L.2.3.14 delete.
- L.2.3.15 delete.
- L.2.3.16 delete.

Insert following paragraph:

L.3.1.8 To ensure that other policy sectors incorporate the principles embodied in the environmental policy, thus assuring the sustainability of development in a democratic Bouth Africa.

L.3 "ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT" move to section C. on Economic Policy.

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## **RESOLUTION:** FROM ANC WOMEN'S LEAGUE STEMMING FROM THE CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS COMMISSION

## Noting

the ANC's long standing commitment to non-sexism [re-affirmed in the CODESA Declaration of Intent]

## regretting

the conspicuous absence of women in the negotiation process, in particular the failure of the ANC to appoint any women to CODESA Working Groups with full delegate status.

### Hereby urges

the NEC to speedily address the matter and increase the proportion and status of women in all future negotiating teams so that practice accords with policy.