



**AFRICAN
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**TO : ALL REGIONS OF THE ANC, SACP, COSATU, SAYCO, NANSKO,
UDF, NUSAS AND CONTRALESA**

FROM : ANC HEADQUARTERS

**KINDLY FIND THE FOLLOWING TWO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ANC'S
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

- 1. RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE**
- 2. RESOLUTION ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF THE ANC/COSATU
NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE.**

INTERNAL LEADERSHIP CORE.

**PS. We request fraternal organisations to send copies
of the resolutions to their affiliates and regional
formations.**

The People Shall Govern!

RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE

Whereas the South African government is committed to political change in this country, it has become clear that it is pursuing a two-track policy whose objective is to arrive at change on terms most favourable to itself and its own conception of change.

The government has, accordingly, adopted a very lenient and permissive attitude towards the organisers, instigators and perpetrators of the violence that is currently sweeping the Transvaal in the hope that this will gravely weaken the ANC and other democratic formations in the townships while, at the same time, generating a climate of insecurity, fear and terror, which will make a decisive majority of our people amenable to an authoritarian regime.

Whereas the security forces of the South African state have adopted a partial attitude in favour of the perpetrators of violence in the townships, and important elements among their leading personnel are actively involved in the orchestration, instigation and commission of acts of violence against the victims of vigilante violence;

and

Whereas the South African Police and the South African Defence Force have, on a number of occasions, openly committed acts of violence against our unarmed people and during incidents of violence perpetrated by Inkatha vigilantes against our people;

The National Executive Committee of the ANC therefore:

(a) Condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the violence that has been unleashed against the African population of Natal and the Transvaal by the combined forces of elements of the South African state and Inkatha.

(b) Emphasises that the ongoing violence poses an immediate and very grave threat to the entire process of a peaceful transition.

(c) Calls for a Summit Meeting with the South African government to discuss the gravity of the situation and to draw the government's attention to our profound anxieties regarding the future and integrity of the negotiation process.

(d) Resolves to convene, at the earliest possible date, a conference of the broadest spectrum of democratic and anti-apartheid forces with a view to discussing a common strategy to combat the forces of destabilisation and violence.

(e) Warns the South African government that unless it is seen to be taking appropriate steps to apprehend and prosecute the persons and agencies responsible for instigating and perpetrating this violence to call for a two-day work stoppage during the second week of October, 1990.

(f) Calls for an independent judicial commission of inquiry, with adequate terms of reference, to consider the mountain of charges regarding the involvement of members of the Security Services in the instigation and commission of acts of violence;

and

(g) Has decided to call a meeting with Bantustan leaders, including Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, ~~for Friday 21 September~~ to devise a joint strategy for ending the violence and pre-empting any further outbreaks.

**RESOLUTION ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF THE
ANC/COSATU NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE - 20 SEPTEMBER, 1990**

Whereas the Joint National Working Committee on Violence, comprising representatives of the ANC, Cosatu and the UDF has submitted an Interim report on its work which draws attention to the organised counter-revolutionary character of the current wave of violence;

and

Whereas it is the considered view of the NEC that the degrading and appalling living conditions under which migrant workers are compelled to live in the hostels and labour compounds contribute to feelings of aggression and hostility which can be exploited for criminal ends;

and

Whereas the Goldstone Judicial Commission has noted the ill-training and recklessness of the SAP Riot Police and noting also its record of unprovoked violence against demonstrators

The NEC therefore resolves that:

(a) In order to mount effective defence the people in the affected areas should, through their local grassroots structures and with the assistance of the ANC, organise themselves for the purposes of self defence.

(b) The ANC shall mount a national campaign to achieve public accountability on the part of the Police and other Security Services which shall, inter alia, include:

- (i) The establishment of a code of conduct for all police personnel
- (ii) An independent review board to investigate complaints against the police
- (iii) Demilitarisation of the police

(c) The ANC shall demand that all police personnel identified by the Goldstone Commission as possible offenders be suspended from duty pending investigations and charges.

(d) The ANC calls for the immediate and visible disbandment of the notorious "killer agencies" such as the CCB, the Askaris, Koevoet and other mercenary formations such as Battalion 3, and a full account of the deployment of their personnel, assets and arms.

(e) That the ANC shall mount a national and International campaign to bring to public attention the real nature of the violence, its causes and who are the forces who derive benefit from it;

and

(f) That the ANC shall demand that the government takes the necessary measures to put an end to the activities of all irregular, pro-apartheid armed groups and forces such as vigilantes, right-wing paramilitary groups and the covert armed wing of Inkatha.