



JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH IN AFRICA (N.G.K.A.): LUSAKA, ZAMBIA FEBRUARY 19, 1988.

01. In accordance with the decisions of its General Synod, a delegation of the N.G.K.A. met with the ANC in Lusaka, Zambia on the 17th & 18th of February, 1988. The delegation of the N.G.K.A. was composed of the following:

Moderator Rev. Sam Buti Leader of the delegation and

Ds. MM Maphoto (Assessor)

Dr. NJ Smith (Actuaris)

The ANC delegation was made up of the following :

Mzwai Piliso: member of the National Executive Committee of

ANC (hereinafter NEC)

Ruth Mompoti (NEC)
Joe Nhlanhla (NEC)
Jacob Zuma (NEC)

Thabo Mbeki (NEC)
Rev. Fumie Gqiba

02. The delegation of the N.G.K.A. explained that the Commission for Justice, Reconciliation and Peace of their church has been charged with the task of meeting the ANC, among others with a view to assist in finding a way of stopping the continuing violence in South Africa by ending the apartheid system through negotiations. The church feels that it has a responsibility to act as a peacemaker to promote

justice, peace and reconciliation.

03. The ANC welcomed the initiative of the N.G.K.A. and expressed its appreciation of this first ever meeting between itself and the N.G.K.A. It reaffirmed its position that the source of violence in our country and region is the apartheid system and that to attain peace this system must be abolished in its entirety. It reiterated its commitment to continue the struggle until the objective of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa is achieved.

04. The two delegations agreed that before any negotiations can take place, it is necessary that the Pretoria regime should create a climate conducive to such negotiations. The purpose of these negotiations should be the creation of a society in which apartheid is ended and a social order acceptable to all the people of South Africa put in its place.

05. The delegations agreed that the church, while not aligning itself to any political party, has to be true to itself and should therefore, in action, promote justice and peace in the world. To be faithful to its own nature, the church should voice a clear witness and initiate all neces-

sary actions towards the achievement of justice and peace in South Africa.

06. The delegations agreed that all people of goodwill had an urgent responsibility to take up such questions as the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners and detainees, saving the lives of the Sharpeville Six and others condemned to death in South Africa, and ending the tragic fratricidal strike in Pietermaritzburg and whenever else it may occur.

07. The delegation of the N.G.K.A. will report back to its own church as well as to other churches in South Africa, with a view to the promotion of all possible common action by all the people of South Africa, black and white, to bring about peace and rest to the people of our country.

08. The delegations agreed that the ANC and the N.G.K.A. should maintain contact and therefore arrange for further meetings in future.

