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**PROGRAMME:**

**08H30                    REGISTRATION**

**09h00                    OPENING SESSION:**

*Welcome by Kallie Hanekom, Director Five  
Freedoms Forum, on behalf of ad hoc  
committee.*

**Speakers:**            **ANTON HARBER**  
                          (Editor,  
                          The Weekly Mail)

**CYRIL RAMAPHOSA**  
(Secretary General  
African National  
Congress)

**10h00                    WORKSHOPS:**

- 1)    **MURDER**
- 2)    **CORRUPTION**

**11h00                    TEA BREAK:            (pastries and coffee)**

**11h30                    PLENARY:**            **Chair JOHN LAMOLA**  
  **(SACC)**  
  -    **Reports from workshops**  
  -    **Agreement on programme of**  
  **action**  
  -    **Election        of       steering**  
  **committee**

**12h45                    CLOSURE**

*(There is a press conference at 13h30 which all are welcome  
to attend if they wish.)*

*AD HOC COMMITTEE ELECTED AT FIRST SUMMIT*

*JUNE 18 1992*

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<i>Cheryl Carolus</i>	<i>ANC</i>
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## COALITION AGAINST STATE MURDER AND CORRUPTION

02 July 1992

Dear Friends,

### INVITATION TO NATIONAL SUMMIT ON STATE MURDER AND CORRUPTION

Various organisations, including Church, Political, Human Rights, Civics and others, who are concerned about State corruption and murder, came together at a Summit Meeting on 18 June 1992.

It was felt there was an urgent need to tackle these burning issues. To this end an interim committee was chosen with a brief to broaden the coalition and to prepare for a second national Summit.

Your organisation has been identified as one which has an interest in and concern for transforming the current situation and ridding our country of State violence, corruption and mismanagement. The Coalition invites you to the National Summit which will be held on 13 July 1992, at 09h00 at the University of the Witwatersrand. Please use the Wits Theatre entrance. Signposts will indicate the exact venue on the campus.

Enclosed is the position paper which will be discussed and hopefully, adopted at the Summit. It also includes suggestions on actions that can be taken. We hope your organisation will consider the points raised and join others to form a powerful coalition standing for good, honest government.

Your organisation is requested to send three delegates. A Registration fee of R20,00 per organisation is requested. Please reply by Wednesday 08 July 1992 to:

Coalition on State Murder and Corruption.  
Fax No: 339 2920  
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We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

*Kallie Hanekom*

pp Steering Committee

JOHN LAMOLA: South African Council of Churches  
THUME MOHLAKA: National Association of Democratic Lawyers  
ELEAZAR MAAHLO: National Federated Chamber of Commerce  
KALLIE HANEKOM: Five Freedoms Forum



## COALITION AGAINST STATE MURDER AND CORRUPTION

WORKING DOCUMENT ACCEPTED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION BY SUMMIT  
MEETING OF 18 JUNE 1992.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Revelations of large-scale government involvement in corruption, murder and mismanagement continue to rock the country. The government, for its part, continues to refuse to take decisive action in response to these scandals. In any normal country scandals of this magnitude would have forced the relevant government to resign. Yet our government, representing a minority as it does, and drunk from 44 years of power, has simply shrugged off these scandals, and continues to mismanage the country as usual.

A wide range of political, trade union, church, human rights, civic, media and consumer organisations have expressed outrage at the reckless and arrogant way in which this government continues to abuse its power. The government's main concern, however, is to cover its tracks, protect its Ministers and officials, and to prevent further scandals from being unearthed.

It is crystal clear that the only way to deliver our country from the agony of apartheid violence, corruption and mismanagement is through an thorough on-going democratic transformation. The demand for an Interim Government of national unity leading to elections for a Constitutional making body is well known and documented. Irrespective of the obstacles in the way of this goal - and who can say how long such a transition may take? - we South Africans are faced with the urgent task of demanding an immediate end to the assassination, corruption and mismanagement that plagues our land.

It has therefore become extremely urgent to organise all democratic forces and groups within our society behind our demands for open, clean and honest government and an immediate end to state violence and corruption. To this end we have convened today's summit of organisations which have expressed their concern on these issues.

In order to facilitate discussion this paper provides an outline of the recent scandals and makes suggestions as to how a campaign of this nature could be taken up.

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## 2. CORRUPTION

In early May the report of the Pickard Commission was released disclosing extensive corruption in the Department of Development Aid involving billions of taxpayers money. These disclosures were the tip of the iceberg. Indications are that virtually every arm of the central apartheid state has been deeply implicated in theft and corruption, including DET, Defence, Law and Order, Health and Welfare, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Correctional Services. (See Sunday Star 10/5/92)

This cesspool of corruption extends far beyond the central apartheid state, to Bantustans, regional and local government. Mangope, Buthelezi, Gqozo, De Klerk and others whose insistence on regionalism/Federalism is partly motivated by their desire to hang on to these fiefdoms, to perpetuate their hold over resources and entrench their ill-gotten gains.

Large-scale wastage of taxpayers money coincides with a massive attack on our peoples' living standards. Privatisation of social welfare, continued racial discrimination in pensions, the introduction of VAT, withdrawals of subsidies on food etc. are all justified in terms of the claim that the state "lacks the resources" to meet peoples' needs.

Despite the claim that government lacks resources, we have massive duplication of expenditure on the apartheid bureaucracy, top government officials and ministers earning huge amounts in salaries and hidden "perks", billions being spent on a defence force and police engaged in low intensity war against our people (including R5 billion for covert operations,) and billions being spent on handouts for their own constituency (including the R3 odd billion in drought relief for white farmers.)

At the beginning of June, it was further revealed that the government continues to pour taxpayers' money down the funnel of apartheid white elephants. These include over R200 million for an underground airforce bunker, R145 million for new headquarters for the NIS, and R83 million for a building housing an extinct generation of computers.

On the one hand we have the government engaged in systematic corruption and misdirection of taxpayers money and on the other hand refusing to negotiate the allocation of resources to areas of greatest social need. This must be exposed as massive fraud being perpetrated against the people of South Africa.

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OUR DEMANDS ON CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT:

- 2.1. The setting up of an independent commission into corruption and state expenditure - at all levels of government - which would ultimately come under the direction of the Transitional Executive Council. This Commission should have full access to all government Departments and records.
- 2.2. The dismissal and, where appropriate, prosecution of all Ministers and officials implicated in the misappropriation of public funds, irrespective of their position in government.
- 2.3. The seizure of assets of those implicated in the theft of public funds.
- 2.4. In addition to acting against those responsible for corruption, we demand the re-negotiating of the allocation of public funds. For example, the R5 billion allocated to covert projects should be re-allocated to compensate victims of the violence, and to finance reconstruction (a demand already made by the SACC Summit on Violence). Similarly, we should demand that the bulk of monies allocate to drought relief should go to those communities in rural areas and Bantustans who are facing mass starvation as a result of the drought.

3. MURDER

It has now been clearly established that the government, through its security forces, is running a network of death squads and covert operations, to terrorise the population and destabilise the democratic forces. The Inkatha/Uwusa Gate revelations, the Ndimene revelations (on train massacres), the Madlala revelations (on Chief Maphumulo's murder), the Matthew Goniwe murders, the revelations on police hitsquads in the Vaal, and in other areas, all confirm the fact that covert death squad and other operations continue under De Klerk, and are being officially sanctioned and organised.

Taken together, the revelations indicate that every arm of the state's repressive apparatus is involved in these activities. Those directly implicated so far are the State Security Council, Military Intelligence, Special Forces of the SADF such as 5 Recce Battalion 32 etc, units in the S.A. Police, and the Kwa-Zulu police.

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What has also become clear is that the government's claim to have disbanded the JMC's Security Police, and CCB, was an attempt to camouflage the fact that these operations are continuing in another guise, as demonstrated by recent revelations.

The government has refused to take any action against those responsible for these operations. Where necessary, one or two functionaries lower down in the command structure may be sacrificed. But those, such as General Van der Westhuizen of Military Intelligence (connected with the Goniwe killings) and Government Ministers, who are master minding these operations, will continue to be protected, unless local and international pressure becomes irresistible. The government continues to hide behind the Goldstone Commission and internal investigations - the former not having the access, and the latter not having the political will, to get to the truth.

OUR DEMAND ON DEATH SQUADS AND COVERT OPERATIONS:

- 3.1. Full disclosure of all secret projects and covert operations including the disclosure of all minutes of the State Security Council.
  - 3.2. Freezing of all funding of covert operations.
  - 3.3. A full revelation of personnel and units involved in covert operations. These units should be identified, disarmed and confined to barracks under international supervision.
  - 3.4. Dismissal and prosecution of all ministers and key officials implicated in these acts of murder. Culprits, such as Van Der Westhuizen (head of Military Intelligence) against whom prima facie evidence exists as in the Goniwe murders, should be hounded out of office, if the government refuses to take action against them. There is also a need to assist families to bring private prosecutions.
  - 3.5. No amnesties for state employed and sponsored criminals, who continue to perpetrate these atrocities post February 1990, and wage a campaign of violence and destabilisation against our people, must be granted.
  - 3.6. The setting up of a multi-party commission with full powers
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of access and investigation into security forces (to prepare the way for the commission under the TEC).

3.7. The setting up of a process of international monitoring of the security forces.

#### 4. THE WAY FORWARD

Hereunder are a few ideas we suggest we discuss in order to take us forward:

1. Establishment of a steering committee for our coalition of forces. The task of this committee would be implementation of the decisions of this meeting.
2. The drafting of the demands of this meeting in declaration form.
3. A call to other organisations to support the demands of our coalition.
4. Popularisation of our demands - in organisations - in the media - internationally.
5. Exploratory meetings with - Auditor General - Picard - Goldstone to establish the extent of the problems and how to proceed to solve them.
6. Delegation to meet with F.W. de Klerk to put forward our demands.
7. Media campaign.
8. A call to families of those assassinated and those who have disappeared without trace to form committees to demand: - investigation and inquests; prosecution of the culprits - compensation.
9. Creative campaigning around the various issues: - actions by pensioners - actions by communities who have been defrauded, etc.

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11. Summits such as this to be organised at regional levels as matter of urgency.

## 5. CONCLUSION

We have facilitated this meeting in the firm belief that all peace-loving organisations in our country are interested in overcoming government corruption, violence and mismanagement. We are not the only group interested in open, clean and honest government. We trust that out of our discussions today will emerge a broadly based endeavour that must lead to the fulfillment of our joint decisions. Such decisions should not affect the independence of each organisation present here nor any specific programme of action. We should however emerge with a joint approach and joint programme.

Let us fight apartheid murder, corruption and mismanagement and build democracy, justice and good government.



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