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**PRESS**

A Statement on "THE CHESSA-CHESSA" Organisation.

The Press recently reported the existence of an African Organisation which, it was alleged, calls itself "Chessa - Chessa", - ~~probably~~ probably derived from the African word for "Burn" which is "~~Shissa~~"Shisa".

According to press reports this organisation is pledged to work for the liberation of Africans by the use of violent method of burning the property of Afrikaner farmers. The Afrikaner is singled out because members of this alleged organisation regard Afrikaners as the Arch enemy and relentless oppressors of the African. It is alleged that the motto of the Chessa-Chessa army is "WE BURN FOR LIBERTY".

As president-general of the African National Congress which is in the ~~Young~~ Van-guard of the Liberty movement in the Union of South Africa, I appreciate the desire for liberty moving the members of this alleged organisation but I must most strongly condemn their use of violence and their singling ~~of~~ out of the Afrikaner farmer. Our cause is a just cause and it should not be prejudiced by the use of unfair methods. As the whole world knows we, in the African National Congress, believe in Non-Violent methods, and so I invite <sup>all</sup> ~~all~~ Africans possessed of a burning desire to gain liberty to join and work through the African National Congress.

Signed, -----

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