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Tasks of the Movement

SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN IT

It is our task to work together to foster social cohesion and build a common South African nationhood. The National Development Plan (NDP) is an overarching plan and a vision to realise the ideals of the Freedom Charter to put in place a South Africa that belongs to all who live in it. The NDP sets out Vision 2030 for South Africa where key targets have been identified and specific steps are set out for implementation.

THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- In this Decade of the Cadre; the first task is to engage in the Imvuselelo Campaign which intends to regenerate the ANC at a grassroots level. The primary objectives of the Imvuselelo Campaign are:
 - Focused and sustained membership recruitment for the quantitative growth of the organisation.
 - Enhancing the quality of membership through programmes targeted at raising political consciousness and ideological depth.
 - Building strong and vibrant ANC structures at grassroots level that are able to provide leadership to government and society.
- Our branches must therefore serve as the leading force to address issues in their communities through the establishment of street committees. It is the ANC that must forge the spirit of volunteerism amongst our people.
- Each branch of the ANC must hold regular branch meetings and regular meetings with the community on issues that affect our people. ANC members must actively serve their

communities through activities such as volunteering their time and services to clinics and schools.

- The ANC must remain a constant factor in the daily lives of communities to promote a sense of civic duty. This must be replicated at zonal and regional levels.
- Our ANC branches must play a leading role in influencing all community involvement aimed at building legitimate institutions of governance and shaping our future. ANC Members must be familiar with the recommendations of the NDP; and must consequently be at the forefront of contributing towards implementation of NDP.
- The ANC relies on its Women's League to lead efforts, aimed at the total emancipation of women in our society. The emancipation of women is not the responsibility of the Women's League only, but the responsibility of all members and leaders of the ANC. However, the Women's League must take the lead in mobilising all sectors of society in an effort to end patriarchy and the discrimination of women in South Africa.
- We urge the Women's League to move speedily towards holding their national conference given that they have not had one since 2008. We must rekindle the spirit of Lillian Ngoyi, Albertinah Sisulu, Amina Cachalia, Ray Alexander and Helen Joseph, amongst others, to inspire our women to take forward all issues that affect women directly in every community throughout our country.
- We are increasingly becoming a youthful society as 60% of our population are young people. The youth of today is much more educated, more mobile and connected to each other through various social media platforms.
- The challenges that face our country, especially the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality have a negative impact on young people. We need to give the youth hope that the future is in their hands. Let us prepare our young people to embrace that brighter future.

ALL NATIONAL GROUPS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- ANC Members have a duty to defend our Constitution and the laws of our country. We must be exemplary in our conduct and be at the forefront of transforming the justice system and other sectors to be more accessible to all.
- We are calling on all our members to actively promote all rights and freedoms and to fight all forms of discrimination, in all its manifestations.

THE PEOPLE SHALL SHARE IN THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- ANC branches must take an active interest in the development of local economies through encouraging local entrepreneurs. It is important that procurement of services benefit local communities.
- ANC branches must work more closely with our Alliance partners on their financial sector campaigns to make banking services even more affordable to our people and to ensure that this sector becomes more diversified.

- ANC members and structures must ensure that the values that inform the role and outlook of the middle class are consistent with our historic values, namely sacrifice, accountability and integrity.
- We call on our members and all South Africans to support our government in all efforts to save energy and to be part of finding a solution to this national challenge.

THE LAND SHALL BE SHARED AMONGST THOSE WHO WORK IT - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- All ANC branches must monitor the speed with which the government accelerates the implementation of land restitution.
- Our branches must educate themselves about legislation that prevents evictions (The Protection of Illegal Evictions Act) and lead efforts to protect farmworkers and farm-dwellers.

ALL SHALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- ANC members must play a leading role in interactions with Community Safety Forums and our branches must be at forefront of efforts to ensure safety in our communities.
- Branches must be active in community education on laws, rights and duties of South African citizens. Once people are aware of their rights and responsibilities, they are then better able to live as responsible citizens and to respect one another, our laws, public property and the authority of the state.
- ANC members are urged to participate in the campaigns against all forms of violence and also to report, to law enforcement agencies, any knowledge regarding these attacks.

ALL SHALL ENJOY EQUAL HUMAN RIGHTS - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- The ANC calls on all our members and South Africans as a whole, to promote the Bill of Rights, to live according to the Freedom Charter and the Bill of Rights and to accept the responsibilities that come with these freedoms.

THERE SHALL BE WORK AND SECURITY - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- Protect the unity of the strategic revolutionary alliance between the ANC, SACP and COSATU as well as SANCO. The strategic Alliance was forged through decades of solidarity and struggle and our members have a revolutionary duty to protect the integrity and the unity of the Alliance.
- We call on all members of the ANC, all members of the SACP, all members of COSATU and all members of SANCO to join hands and close ranks to defend the revolutionary strategic alliance that is a bulwark against all attacks on our nascent democracy.
- We call on all those who love democracy to encourage and protect the unity of our people.

THE DOORS OF LEARNING AND CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- Our Movement must be at the forefront of efforts to sustain and improve the quality of education and we must be an integral part of making the national curriculum reflect our developmental imperatives.
- ANC members must promote the constitutional rights of all South Africans to express their culture.

THERE SHALL BE HOUSES, SECURITY AND COMFORT - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- We must de-racialise communities so that a new and more cohesive society can be built. All residents, black and white, must enjoy the benefits of development equally. This requires all our branches to lead in building cohesive communities.
- Getting the basics right will require leadership and commitment at all levels of our organization and across government. We must be at the forefront of mobilizing all sectors of society in a campaign to get back to basics. ANC public representatives must serve with humility, selflessness, honesty and dignity. They must also be self-critical, open to criticism and responsive to their constituencies.
- The ANC must be actively involved in the campaigns against HIV and AIDS and TB.
- The ANC is calling on our people to participate in the healthy lifestyles campaign and to take responsibility for living longer and healthier lives. Engage in physical exercise, stop smoking, eat healthier and eliminate the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

THERE SHALL BE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP - *Tasks of the Movement:*

- ANC branches must play a more active part in solidarity campaigns on Palestine, Western Sahara and Cuba. This will also require a greater effort in educating our people on the historic and strategic origins of such solidarity.
- It is becoming even more important for our Movement to celebrate Africa Day on the 25th of May and to promote the African Agenda of economic and political integration. Let us promote the singing of the AU Anthem. We must continue to highlight the importance of realising the AU Agenda 2063 that speaks to pan-Africanism, a sense of African unity, self-reliance and solidarity. These are critical to Africa's success.
- The ANC must play an increased role in the reform of international institutions such as the United Nations Security Council and the Bretton Woods institutions on principles of equity and fairness.

“Provinces will be required to generate programmes of action premised on the January 8th statement. These will inform the ANC National Lekgotla. Freedom Charter cadres’ fora will also be convened as part of unpacking the January 8th message.” – ANC Spokesperson
