

ANC STATEMENT ON THE THREAT OF A BREAKAWAY WHITE STATE

The threat by General Tienie Groenewald, former Chief of Military Intelligence, to establish a white breakaway state within months, is shortsighted, dangerous and not in the interests of any of South Africa's people.

The ANC views this matter in a serious light and warns Groenewald that the people of South Africa will not fold arms and allow themselves to be blackmailed into accepting schemes that seek to turn South Africa into another Bosnia. The ANC further appeals to the international community to warn Groenewald and his bedfellows that it will not countenance such moves.

Groenewald's utterances and apparent confidence about the possible connivance of security forces in such an action, confirms the failure of the government to act decisively against the right wing with regard to multi-party control of armed forces, it is the ANC's view that negotiations in this regard have reached an advanced stage. This will pave the way for the establishment of a Transitional Executive Council, whose task will be the levelling of the playing fields in preparation for an election.

We believe that the Transitional Executive Council will ensure a forward movement to a democratic SA that belongs to all South Africans

The ANC calls on white South Africans not to give credence and support to the perpetuation of apartheid in a disguised form. Nor should they allow the impression to be created that these generals who want to plunge our country into open war speak for them. Now is the time to stand up for democracy and the rule of law. The future of all South Africans lies in a unitary, non-racial democratic society which takes into account the cultural, religious and linguistic diversities of our country.

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