

Cde Mhlaba,

As discussed please refer to the proposed ANC statement below.

Perhaps you can issue the statement tomorrow morning.

## ANC KZN is mobilizing for the Human Rights Day

## 16 March 2016

As the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal we want to pay tribute to the national government for having made a decision to host the national Human Rights Day at Moses Mabhida Stadium on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. The event will be addressed by the President of the Republic Cde Jacob Zuma

We are calling upon called upon all the people of this province to join hands with the ANC-led government in the condemnation of racist tendencies.

The state of social cohesion in our country, could not have been worst tested than through recent experiences throughout the country.

It all started in this province when despicable racist pronouncements against fellow human beings were made by Penny Sparrow. These escalated and find expressions through different platforms, especially in social media.

All these incidences, highlight to us that the journey to building a truly non-racial, nonsexist, democratic and prosperous society, remains our historic mission to ensure that we deepen those values we consider sacrosanct in achievement of true freedom.

As the ANC we will be mobilizing the people of this province to come in large numbers and be part of this historic occasion that will intensify the fight against racism.

Importantly, Human Rights Day coincides with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitution of this country. We have a duty as the people of this province to defend our constitution.

The Constitution itself asserts that: "The Republic of South Africa is one, sovereign, democratic state founded on the following values: Human dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms."

Let us use the 21<sup>st</sup> March not only to condemn Racism but we must use this important day to highlight the importance of the advancement and protection of our rights as enshrined in the country's Constitution.



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