



STATEMENT OF KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 MARCH 2015

The Provincial Executive Council (Executive Council) held its ordinary meeting of the on 11 March 2015 in Pietermaritzburg, thereafter held a meeting of the KwaZulu-Natal AIDS Council.

1. Key Executive Council Decisions Discovery of mass graves in Glenroy Farm, Dududu (August-October 2014)

A memorandum was presented to the Executive Council, where it was informed of the discovery of mass grave at Glenroy Farm in Dududu. This is the farm that was known for using prison farm labourers. A Task Team comprising of representatives from the Office of the Premier and Department of Arts and Culture was established to look into this matter.

The Executive Council further resolved that other stakeholders should be engaged in particular the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), Department of Home Affairs and others for further forensic investigation to determine the identities of those buried. The Executive Council further resolved that such investigation should not be limited to the investigation of the identification of the next of kin of those remains in the mass grave, but must include documentation of the history and effects of influx control laws. The Executive Council will advise on progress once all necessary consultations have been done.

2. Executive Councils Position on Current Issues

2.1 Durban award as the city with highest quality of life South Africa:

The Executive Council welcomed the selection of Durban as a top city in South Africa in terms of the quality of life. Mercer's Quality of Living Rankings in 2015, placed Durban in the 85th position ahead of Cape Town's 91st and Johannesburg's 94th place. As part of the rankings, Mercer highlights select cities that are evolving as business centres around the world. In this regard, Durban, was further identified as the growing manufacturing and shipping centre. The Executive Council was encouraged that this accolade of identifying Durban as the growing manufacturing and shipping centre, comes on the back of another key development following an announcement by Transnet that part of its locomotives manufacturing, will be done in Durban.

2.2 Official visit to Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):

As part of strengthening bilateral relations between the Province of KwaZulu-Natal and other strategic provinces through twinning arrangement, the Executive Council approved the official visit to Kinshasa on 14-16 April 2015. This official visit will culminate into signing of a



Cooperation Arrangement by the KZN Premier and the Governor of Kinshasa on 16 April 2015. The Cooperation Arrangement would be on exchanges in areas like trade and investment, agriculture, arts and culture.

2.3 Launch of Phase Three of the Expanded Public Works Programme:

The Executive Council approved that Phase 3 of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in KwaZulu-Natal be launch on 20 March 2015 at the Slahla Stadium in Ward 2 Richmond. The main thrust of EPWP III is to contribute to development through creation of jobs, increased community participation, infrastructure maintenance and heightened quality of implementation.

2.4 National Human Rights Day Celebration:

The Executive Council approved the hosting of the Human Rights Day on 21 March 2015 in the Harry Gwala District, Kokstad at Shayamoya Open Fields. The Executive Council noted the progress made thus far by the country and the Province of KwaZulu-Natal in the advancement of human rights. It called upon the people of KwaZulu-Natal to observe this day and reflect on this progress including the journey yet to be covered in the full realisation of socioeconomic rights.

2.5 Dumped foetuses found:

The Executive Council was informed of seven foetuses that were discovered at Marianhill refuse dump site on 10 March 2015. Investigation is currently underway by the Department of Health and the South African Police Service. The Department of Health will ensure that all medical waste that has been illegally dumped in that site, is properly disposed and cleared. The Executive Council directed the Department of Health to strengthen the fight against illegal abortions advertised in public spaces as safe, quick abortions.

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