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WORKING DOCUMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

This document is meant to be a general guide for the R.M.C. Operation throughout the country. It is thus not meant to be prescriptive. Branches are encouraged to contextualise it. However, as far as possible, uniformity is desired. This document is not definitive; it will be improved and finalised in April at an envisaged National consultative meeting.

2. RATIONALE

The vitally indispensable role that the R.M.C. plays in the struggle for liberation in this country cannot be over-emphasized. The Release Mandela Campaign, is essentially a political effort. The R.M.C. is incisive in its call for the unconditional release of all political prisoners, the abrogation of bannings, banishments, detentions and all allied repressive legislations and, finally, the return of all exiles - all culminating in a national convention for the end of apartheid, economic exploitation and all vestiges of injustice, for the creation of a true non-racial democratic, open, egalitarian society, wherein man will not be judged by the colour of his skin but on merit. In a nutshell, what lies at the heart of the R.M.C's call is a quest for the termination of the political conflict by releasing the true leaders of all freedom-loving people and thereby, preventing further bloodshed of valuable lives that our country needs for the new society.

As matters stand, the R.M.C. exists in three regions viz. Natal (4 yrs) Transvaal (7 months) and Border (East London) (2 months). Oscar Mpheta made an appeal at the end of the U.D.F. conference in P.E. that the R.M.C. must be intensified this year and echoed throughout all the corners of S.A. This important call must be recognised throughout the campaign.

3. OBJECTIVE AND MODUS OPERANDI

Now, this document proposes a skeletal budget for setting up R.M.C. regions throughout the country, more specifically in the remaining following areas:

- \* Port Elizabeth
- \* Western Cape
- \* Kimberley
- \* Kuruman
- \* Orange Free State

This exercise will culminate in a national consultative meeting of the 8 R.M.C. regions and branches. The object of this meeting will be:

- \* To give the R.M.C. a national character through compiling a working document or constitution.
- \* To work out a uniform way of conducting the Campaign
- \* To look into fundraising possibilities.
- \* To design all R.M.C. symbols, insignia and T-Shirts
- \* To moot the idea of setting up a national office.

4. TIMING

The UDF is engaging in a 1-million signature campaign which will run for 3 months. It has been agreed that the RMC defer its petition campaign and relaunch it after the UDF one in April 1984.

However, during the 3-month period, the programme of setting up R.M.C. regions and branches must be instituted vigorously. Regarding the national consultative meeting, the following are proposed:

- \* Date: Friday 6th - Sunday, 8th April
- \* Time: Friday 9h00 - Sunday, 12h00
- \* Venue: JISWA Centre - Lenasia
- \* Composition: 7 delegates per region
- \* Programme: Tentative programme to be drawn by Transvaal and Natal.

5. PROGRAMME OF ACTION

The following is a suggested programme of action for all RMC branches:

- 5.1. Setting up more RMC branches throughout the country.
- 5.2. Compiling a newsletter which will be the mouthpiece of the RMC.
- 5.3. Printing T-Shirts stickers and other symbols.
- 5.4. Popularising the Freedom Charter, making it available in all languages.
- 5.5. Relating the demands of the Freedom Charter to topical political issues e.g. education, housing, removals etc.
- 5.6. Sustaining the call through a vigorous signature campaign.
- 5.7. Utilising media such as post cards, pamphlets, calendars and posters to highlight the political significance of the imprisoned leaders.
- 5.8. Liaising with overseas bodies that are in sympathy with the spirit of the campaign.
- 5.9. Holding seminars, workshops and conferences in order to give impetus and direction to the campaign.

6. BUDGET

6.1. REGIONAL FORMATION

The following is a skeletal budget for organising the intended 8 regions.

6.1.1 Port Elizabeth:

(a) Transport	= R 600-00
(b) Advertising material	= <u>400-00</u>
Sub-Total	= <u>R1 000-00</u>

6.1.2 Western Cape:

(a) Transport	= R 800-00
(b) Advertising material	= <u>500-00</u>
Sub-Total	= <u>R1 300-00</u>

6.1.3 O.F.S.:

(a) Transport	= R 400-00
(b) Advertising material	= <u>500-00</u>
Sub-Total	= <u>R 900-00</u>

6.1.4 KIMBERLEY

(a) Transport	= R 400-00
(b) Advertising material	= 400-00
Sub-Total	= <u>R 800-00</u>

6.1.5 KURUMAN:

(a) Transport	= R 400-00
(b) Advertising material	= 400-00
Sub-Total	= <u>R 800-00</u>
TOTAL	= <u>R4 800-00</u>

6.2. NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

6.2.1 Hiring of Jiswa Centre	= R 250-00
6.2.2 Advertising material (Posters, fact-sheets, programme stationery etc.	= R2 000-00
6.2.3 Catering for: 8 Regions X 7 delegates X R10-00 ea.	= R 560-00
6.2.4 Travel allowance for 2 guest speakers	= R 400-00
6.2.5 Transportation allowance of delegates X R25 ea. (60 X R25)	= R1 500-00
6.2.6 Contingencies	= <u>R1 000-00</u>
Sub-Total	= <u>R3 460-00</u>

6.3. NATIONAL OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT

6.3.1 Rent	= R 1 800-00
6.3.2 Telephone (R200 X 12)	= R 2 400-00
6.3.3 Furniture	= R 2 000-00
6.3.4 Stationery	= R 5 000-00
6.3.5 Petition Campaign Co-ordination	= R 5 000-00
6.3.6 Salary of Permanent Organiser. (R500 X 12)	= R 6 000-00
6.3.7 Salary of typist (R300 X 12)	= R 3 000-00
6.3.8 Car leasing (R350 X 12)	= R 4 200-00
6.3.9 Car maintenance (350 X 12)	= R 3 600-00
6.3.10 Petty cash (100 X 12)	= <u>R 1 200-00</u>
Sub-Total	= <u>R34 800-00</u>

6.4. REGIONAL SEMINARS

Funds permitting, seminars shall be organised for each region (8 X R2 000) = R16 000-00

6.5. PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION

6.5.1 RMC Newsletter = R15 000-00

6.5.2 T-Shirts (initial capital outlay)  
(R2 500 X R4-00) = R10 000-00

These 2 500 T-Shirts will be sold at R5-00 yielding a net profit of R2 500 which will be ploughed back into office running costs.

GRAND TOTAL = R68 060-00

7. CONCLUSION

In keeping with the spirit of not being exclusive, the R.M.C in Natal and Transvaal has opened its doors to various organisations and agencies from diverse walks of life to participate in the Big Call and support all its concomitant programmes.

Some of the invited organisations are discussing this matter while others such as the Black Sash, the Anti-President Council Proposals Committee, the Transvaal Indian Congress as well as the Soweto Civic Association, have responded positively.

While the process of broadening the R.M.C's base is continuing, the R.M.C in the Transvaal enjoys a formal relationship with the following organisations:

- AZASO (Azanian Students' Organisation)
- COSAS (Congress of South African Students)
- SOYCO (Soweto Youth Congress)
- FEDSAW (Federation of South African Women)

It must be pointed out that the relationship with the R.M.C can either be formal or informal. More organisations, especially churches and Trade Unions are expected to throw in their lot with the RMC. It is hoped that this relational process will be consolidated in April at the National Consultative meeting herein planned for.

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