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**Statement of the Provincial Executive Committee of the African National Congress
Youth League following the PEC Meeting held on 28th April 2010**

The ANC Youth League Provincial Executive Committee met to discuss its political approach to the Provincial Conference of the ANC. The meeting also deliberated on the preparations for regional congresses of the ANC Youth League as well as the contemplated charges against the President of the ANC Youth League.

On the Provincial Conference of the ANC

The ANC Gauteng will hold its elective conference on the 6th to the 9th May 2010 in Tshwane. The ANC Youth League PEC developed a political approach to the ANC Conference informed by the Strategy & Tactics, the 2009 General Election Manifesto, the 52nd National Conference resolutions and Through the eye of the needle,. The state remains a critical instrument to transform the lives of our people for the better. In this context, we reaffirm the centrality of the ANC in directing the agenda of government; the ANC remains the strategic centre of political management of governance.

The meeting deliberated at length on the history of the ANC in Gauteng. Particularly, on matters relating to the factors that led to the disbandment of the ANC PEC in 2000. Those who were present at the time would remember that there were divisions within the organisation which were largely caused by leadership contestations and the scramble to control the state and its resources. The contest for leadership characterized itself with

people who used state power to fight their battles in the ANC and those who used ANC structures to sabotage government programmes. As the ANCYL we dare not forget this painful period in our history!

The past decade has been characterized by an ANC that has been working in harmony and unity. This has largely been due to the fact that in Gauteng, led by capable comrades such as Cde Mashatile, Cde Nkomfe, Cde Motshekga, Cde Mokonyane, Cde Makhura and others, we took a conscious and sober resolution that in this province we would ensure alignment of government and the direction that it gets from the ANC. Hence, Cde Tokyo Sexwale and Shilowa were Premier and elected the Chair of the ANC in the Province. We elected them because we knew that there should only be one centre of power in Gauteng; led by one person in the ANC and in the state. We repeated this process with Cde Mashatile.

We applaud the unity of purpose which became possible because the Chairperson and the Premier where one person supported by the party. In our analysis of the current environment, we acknowledge that the problems we are now faced with intensified when a decision to appoint Cde Nomvula Mokonyane as the Premier of Gauteng was taken. We appeal to branches now to firstly, respect the decision of the National Executive Committee to appoint Cde Nomvula as the Premier, a name submitted by us for consideration. Secondly for branches, to continue to remain committed to one strategic centre led by one person in the ANC and in the state.

In addition to this core debate, as the ANCYL, we want to see a leadership collective that represents renewal of the organization, ideological balance, geographic spread, generational mix and gender parity. The Provincial General Council (PGC) will deliberate on the names nominated, however as the PEC we resolved to support a pool of our cadres who are graduates and some incumbents of the Youth League to serve in the ANC. The ANCYL PEC will therefore work tirelessly to influence our members, members of the ANC, to support the following leaders into the new ANC PEC.

- For the ANC Chair: Cde Nomvula Mokonyane
- Deputy Secretary: Cde Jacob Khawe, the serving Chairperson of the ANC Youth League in the Province

We are resolute and uncompromising on generational mix and want to emphasise that young people are tried and tested and ready to lead the ANC. To this end, we will support the names of the following comrades amongst others to form part of the PEC as additional members:

1. Bheki Nkosi
2. Fred Mokoko
3. Doctor Tshwale
4. Pule Mabe
5. Richard Makola
6. Valenine Mbatha
7. Papi Molokaone
8. Faith Mazibuko

On contemplated charges against our President, Cde Julius Malema

1. We as the ANC Youth League in Gauteng Province we are worried and concerned by the manner in which the so-called charges are trumped-up – through the media, opposition parties, and some in our party and alliance structures who go around addressing this matter in public platforms.
2. Our view is that if there is anything warranting discipline against our President, such must be emanating from internal structures of the League first and then ANC, not from the media, opposition parties and alliance structures.
3. Throughout its existence, the League is well known for its robust and radical approach to raising issues of policy and implementation both within and outside the ANC.
4. The league cannot accept to be shut-up or stopped from raising issues publicly as they deem fit.
5. The ANC must never allow itself to fall into the trap of anti-ANC lobbyists who historically fear the League because of its robust and radical stances
6. We are committed to a tradition of engagement with the ANC and we will make necessary submissions to the ANC, if needs be, to engage and resolve matters that confront us so we move forward in unity
7. The President speaks on our behalf and we are fully behind him

Provincial Executive Committee in its meeting deliberated on the issues that have been communicated on the Media. There are some media institutions which have published information without checking with us if indeed the views they have about the ANC Youth League in Gauteng are true. We call upon members of the media therefore to accept this statement as the only and accurate reflection of our views on these matters. The ANC Youth League in Gauteng will hold a Provincial General Council on Saturday (1st May 2010) from 09H00. The general council will be attended by delegates from Branches across the length and breadth of the province.

We call on all our forces to rally behind the Premier of Gauteng, Cde Nomvula Mokonyane to be the Chairperson of the ANC in Gauteng.

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