



PRESS STATEMENT OF THE GLENBURN LODGE DIALOGUE

On 19 - 20 August 2005 the F W de Klerk Foundation arranged a dialogue between influential community leaders and a senior delegation for the Government. The Government delegation included Minister Essop Pahad, Mr Alec Erwin, Minister of Public Enterprises, Ms. Brigitte Mabandla, Minister of Justice, Mr Mandisi Mpahlwa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ms Naledi Pandor, Minister of Education, Rev Frank Chikane, Director-General of the Presidency and Mr Joel Netshitenzhe, CEO of GCIS and Head of the Policy Unit in the Presidency. The group invited by the F W de Klerk Foundation – apart from Mr F W de Klerk and Dave Steward from the Foundation - included Mr Flip Buys and Dirk Hermann of Solidarity, Mr Jacob De Villiers of the AHI, Dr Theuns Eloff, Vice-Chancellor of Northwest University, Prof Danie Goosen of the FAK, Mr Clive Roos, an educationist, Prof Hennie Strydom of the University of Johannesburg, Mr Hans van der Merwe of Agri-South Africa, Mr Deon van Garderen, Chairman of the Afrikanerbond and Mr Ton Vosloo of Naspers, all of whom participated in their personal capacities.

The dialogue had its origin in a meeting earlier this year between President Mbeki and F W de Klerk on the need to promote greater consensus on economic and social transformation.

The two teams held in-depth discussion on a spectrum of issues relating to transformation which included

- the effect of black economic empowerment on white South Africans;
- the place and future of our various communities in our multicultural society; and
- the need to develop an overarching national identity and loyalties.

There was general agreement on the need

- for a genuine, workable and effective transformation process for efficiency and performance;
- to recognise and promote the languages and cultures of all South Africans;
- to mobilise and utilise the existing skills of all South Africans to meet the challenges of transformation - particularly in education, municipalities and infrastructural development;
- to empower all South Africans through effective education, training and development; and
- to develop trust - particularly in the manner in which we communicate and through ongoing consultation and engagement between community leaders and government and at the local level.

In particular, there was recognition of a full and equal place for all South Africans in the future of the country.

The dialogue made a positive contribution to mutual understanding and to the clarification of one another's goals, perceptions and concerns. There was general acceptance of the need to continue the dialogue and to take practical steps to work for the successful implementation of economic and social transformation. Such steps might include

- the development of a code of good practice relating to the fair implementation of affirmative action; and
- a mechanism to mobilise existing skills to help meet the challenges of transformation and of a growing economy.

**ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS BY THE F W DE KLERK FOUNDATION
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