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ANC STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF ISITHWALANDWE DENIS GOLDBERG

The African National Congress is deeply saddened by the passing of one of the foremost stalwarts of our struggle for liberation; a combatant of Umkhonto we Sizwe; Isithwalandwe, Seaparankwe Comrade Denis Goldberg.

We take this opportunity to send our deepest condolences to his family, his friends and comrades.

Comrade Denis Goldberg, belonged to that illustrious generation of freedom fighters who were prepared to sacrifice all and lay down their lives in the struggle for liberation. This is the generation that understood that satisfaction in life comes from serving others. Theirs was a selfless commitment to the liberation of our country. They spared no effort in securing our liberation.

Comrade Goldberg dedicated all his life to the liberation of the people of South Africa. He was part of those who mobilized for the Congress of the People that took place in Kliptown in 1955. He later became the youngest of the Rivonia Trialists; was sentenced to 4 terms of life imprisonment and was released from prison in 1985 after spending more than two decades.

After his release from prison, he continued to serve our movement with utmost dedication. He also served the democratic government in various capacities. Up to his last days, he remained active in civil society; always showing deep concern to the plight of the poor and marginalized.

He leaves behind a proud legacy of hard work, selflessness and sacrifice in service of our movement and our country. As the current generation of ANC leaders, members and activists we will pick up his fallen spear. We will continue to honor his legacy.

An accomplished revolutionary and freedom fighter par excellence

Hamba Kahle Mkhonto!

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