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STATEMENT BY ANC PREMIER - IVY MATSEPE-CASABURRI

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I have been requested by the ANC, a tried and tested movement to make myself available as a candidate for the Premiership of the Free State Province.

I thank the ANC for the singular honour and trust they have bestowed upon me and declare, with humility, that I accept this candidature.

This, for me is the beginning of a long and arduous road into formal politics, but a road I am willing to travel under the banner of an organisation that led our people to liberation from apartheid. An organisation that has taken responsibility for reconciling South Africa, building unity in diversity, an organisation that has overcome great odds to see its vision and mission accomplished.

This organisation has been blessed with leadership that has given selflessly of itself and with humility.

Die` is `n organisasie wie se ouere leierskap se nederigheid, ons geleer het dat ons al ons mense moet bedien met respek en met eerlikheid. Dat ons al ons mense wit en swart, jonk of oud, ryk of arm, man of vrou, geskik of ongeskik, behoeftig of nie, geleerd, op gelyke wyse hanteer.

This is the organisation that through commitment to the interests of the majority of our people, negotiated skilfully and was bold enough to make the necessary compromises to deliver a ratified Constitution for South Africa that safeguards every one`s interest especially that of the disadvantage majority.

Mokgatio o nthomelietseng moo ke ona o re tliseditseng tokoloho, o re rutlieng hore re tshwanetse ho hlompha meetlo ya rona. Kea tshepa hoe le tia nkamohela, le mphuthele ka kobo e mofuthu.

I come here at the time when the process of reconciliation, construction and revitalization of the organisation is well under way. I have no doubt the building of a strong united cohesive ANC will benefit the Governance of this Province and that with the cooperation of the alliance structures, the reconstruction and development programme will become reality especially the central principles of the RDP to fight poverty, developing the Communities and our entire human resources, building interracial harmony.

I express my appreciation for the excellent work Cde Terror Lekota and his team have done in developing this Province and in making great strides in reconciling the people of this Province.

I have received message of unqualified support from many people within and outside of the Province including from among the former leaders of the Provincial Executive Committee. I like to thank them for the messages and their support.

As part of the process, a series of meetings will be held with the ANC structures, including the caucus, alliance partners, SANCO, the Churches and other religious bodies, business community,

academics, farmers and farm workers, women and youth organisations the idea being that we march in step together in the development of this Province.

Let us fold up our sleeves and get down to work.

Ke a leboha

Baie dankie

Thank you

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