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The Chief Electoral Officer
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Dear Sir

POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING SUBMISSION

1. The African National Congress (the "ANC") addresses this letter to the Independent Electoral Commission (the "IEC" or "Commission") with respect to the coming into effect of the new Political Party Funding Act No. 6 of 2018 (the "PPFA").
2. We welcome the coming into effect of the PPFA, and have consistently supported the principle of regulating funding for political parties.
3. We view the enactment of the PPFA as an important milestone in strengthening our democracy and enhancing transparency as a cornerstone of our democracy.
4. We have looked at the regulations published in terms of the PPFA and would like to respond and comment as follows:
 - 4.1 the ANC is committed to implementing the regulations, and we believe that they allow for better transparency and interaction which aids the pursuit of democracy for all;
 - 4.2 we however would like to outline the following difficulties with implementing the regulations in their current form:

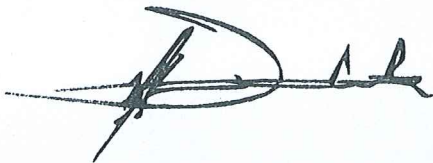


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- 4.2.1 the ANC currently works in a decentralised monetary management system. We have 9 provincial offices, 52 regional offices and a further 3000 branch offices , each of which has a Treasurer who manages funds for political work on behalf of the party;
- 4.2.2 we have hosted a Treasurers Forum and a workshop in order to train our Treasurers on the provisions of the new Act and the regulations so as to comply with the complex reporting requirements of the PPFA;
- 4.2.3 however, given the decentralised nature of our monetary management structure, we will require more time for further training and extensive engagement in order to ensure that all levels of our structures are properly trained and equipped to report in accordance with the new provisions of the Act.
- 4.3 it is envisaged within our roadmap that for the process to be properly established within our organization it will take approximately six (6) months to complete;
- 4.4 accordingly, we request that we be granted an extension for a period of six (6) months to fully comply with the regulations.
5. We take this opportunity to reiterate our unwavering commitment to the constitutional values of fairness, equity, accountability and transparency, and our belief that the new Act and the regulations will provide our country with an opportunity to deepen our democracy and usher in a new culture of transparent funding for political parties.
6. We trust that the Commission will consider our submissions and look forward to a favourable response.

Yours faithfully



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