

## **ANC DECLARATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS-ICRC 28 NOVEMBER 1980**

It is the conviction of the African National Congress of South Africa that international rules protecting the dignity of human beings must be upheld at all times. Therefore, and for humanitarian reasons, the African National Congress of South Africa hereby declares that, in the conduct of the struggle against apartheid and racism and for self-determination in South Africa, it intends to respect and be guided by the general principles of international humanitarian law applicable to armed conflicts.

Wherever practically possible, the African National Congress of South Africa will endeavour to respect the rules of the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the victims of armed conflicts and the 1977 additional Protocol 1 relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts.

O.R. Tambo  
President  
African National Congress of South Africa

Done in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 November 1980, in the presence of M. Alexandre Hay, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, on behalf of the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress and Umkhonto We Sizwe, the combatants of the national liberation movement of South Africa.