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SANCO Greater Tshwane Region Statement on outcomes of the RTT Meeting and Recent Political Developments

Treatment towards SANCO

On Saturday, 11 October 2025, SANCO Greater Tshwane Region held its RTT meeting. Today, we are conducting a press briefing after that meeting, addressing recent developments in the region. SANCO would like to express its deep concern and disappointment over undermined efforts. Insufficient deployments and lack of recognition are unacceptable and a total embarrassment to our organization.

SANCO, reached out to the ANC, on 13 October 2025, through a letter. The letter emphasized an important principle that will ensure that its leaders receive the same respect shown to their leagues and their coalition partners. Respect among Alliance partners is fundamental to the strength of the Alliance. The recent developments showing preference for their leagues at the expense of the entire alliance is humiliating.

SANCO will not allow its leaders to be disrespected or taken lightly to satisfy the political interests of ANC leaders. The ANC has chosen to value narrow political interests and its relationships with other political parties more than its alliance partners. Those opposition parties won't be present on the ground with the ANC during elections in the contested political terrain.

The Unity of the Alliance

It's all hands-on deck as we observe that opponents of the NDR have gained confidence due to the tactical defeat experienced during the strategic setback that occurred at the National General Elections. That is why we cannot allow "big brother" tendencies in the Alliance because it will derail us from building a prosperous democratic society.

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One could contend that there are political parties collaborating with the ANC while simultaneously aiming to weaken the ANC's influence within local communities. The same political parties with which the ANC partnered with for municipal positions are threatening unity within the Alliance, claiming credit for accomplishments not attributable to them, but rather to the ANC's deployed members. This is why it is discouraging to witness attempts to appease these political parties, especially at the expense of fracturing relations within the Alliance.

Undermining SANCO is not only unjust, but it is also a betrayal of the values the Alliance claims to uphold. We are aware that certain actions are driven by factional interests ahead of upcoming conferences. Such behavior is divisive and must be confronted without fear or favor.

The role of SANCO in the Alliance

SANCO is not a stepchild of the Alliance, and SANCO must not just be acknowledged during elections but also be in other significant issues or strategic choices within the Alliance. SANCO is making efforts to ensure that members of the Alliance work towards a common agenda to fulfill the objectives of the NDR. We have consistently raised issues of governance and service regarding those deployed within the Mayoral Committee because we believe that the residents must come first.

SANCO will always speak out against any attempts that seek to derail us from having a fully functional administration that is able to be accountable to the residents of the City of Tshwane. We are not just an irritant to the current administration. We have solutions to offer, and these solutions must be processed within the Alliance, along with reports on their implementation status within the government.

We will fulfill our responsibility as the civic movement representing the people by prioritizing them, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and guaranteeing a fully operational Alliance in the region. We will not allow those who seek to safeguard their own interests at the expense of the Alliance's stability and the residents' welfare to dictate our actions.

Gone are the days when only the privileged few benefits from the fruits of democracy, where only certain individuals are deemed worthy of being employed in high positions. SANCO as the vanguard of society has the capacity and prerequisites to take on whatever roles within the municipality or any level in public service, having made sacrifices that demonstrate loyalty, courage, and belief in the values of our struggle.

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NDR has faced a strategic setback. Any actions that jeopardize the cohesion of the Alliance should be denounced and must not be accepted. SANCO reject any backdoor setups or agreements that lead to positions advancing personal political agendas. Failing to address any actions that serve selfish political motives to the detriment of effective public service or the Alliance's unity means we would have failed our communities.

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