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To : All Media Institutions.

Re : Death of Gen. Constant Viljoen.

Mr General Constant Viljoen was on the enemy side of the life and death struggle that the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) and the Azanian People's Liberation Army waged against settler-colonialism. He was an extreme right winger, opposed to change. His twin brother, Braam Viljoen, however was a verligte and gave support to change. We pass condolences to his brother.

In the 1980s Braam Viljoen was for reforms and changes to end petty apartheid. He followed Van Zyl Slabbert, an Afrikaaner who withdrew from the apartheid parliament because it was excluding the African people, the oppressed and exploited. He worked with Rev Dale White at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre in Roodepoort. This centre was a facility for workshops and conferences that the Pan Africanists and the Black Consciousness organisations used to develop their skills and leadership expertise.

AZANYU (now PAYCO), youth component structure of PAC, held its conferences and meetings at Wilgespruit. The Charterists did not like the arrangement where the PAC and its affiliates could work without restrictions of red tape payments and bureaucracy. Braam Viljoen and Rev Dale White were 'whites who worked with us' that Sobukwe said 'sibalumkele'. This aspect was well understood, in the same way that Sobukwe worked with Benjamin Pogrund. Veronica Sobukwe taught us to be humane, and be allowed to send sympathy when a death has occurred. Even the death of 'our worst enemy.'

PAC position, that Gen Constant Viljoen was an apartheid criminal has not changed and holds no brief for him.

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