

****Speech: Advancing Economic Transformation, Social Justice for Women, and Strengthening the Fight Against GBV-F****

Honourable chairperson, fellow South Africa.

Today we reflect on the importance of advancing economic transformation, social justice for women, and strengthening our collective fight against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBV-F). These priorities remain central to building a fair, equal, and inclusive society.

The overall budget plays a critical role in driving the socio-economic agenda of government. It is not just about numbers, but about real change in people's lives. Through strategic allocation of resources, we are able to support economic growth, reduce inequality, and empower those who have been historically disadvantaged, especially women and children.

A key highlight is the increased allocation to the Commission on Gender Equality. This important institution strengthens the safeguarding of women's rights and promotes gender justice. It also plays an oversight role in ensuring that policies and laws that protect women are properly implemented. This increase shows a strong commitment to accountability and the protection of human rights.

Furthermore, the allocation of R46 million to the National Council on GBV-F demonstrates government's firm commitment to ending gender-based violence and femicide. This funding will support the implementation of the National Strategic Plan on GBV-F, which focuses on prevention, support for survivors, and ensuring justice for victims. It is a clear message that violence against women and girls will not be tolerated.

In addition, there has been an increase in the budget allocation for the Women's Empowerment Programme. This aligns with government policies on socio-economic transformation. The aim is to ensure that women have equal access to opportunities, resources, skills development, and economic participation. Empowered women contribute directly to stronger families, communities, and the economy as a whole.

The African National Congress (ANC) continues to prioritize these focus areas as part of its broader commitment to equality and transformation. By investing in women's empowerment and strengthening institutions that protect their rights, we are building a society based on dignity, justice, and equality for all.

Together, let us continue to work towards a future free from violence, discrimination, and inequality, where every woman and girl can live safely and reach their full potential.

Tša gore monna ke poo ka lapeng ga di šome, ebile ke tšona di gakatšago seemo sa dikgaruru tša bong. Poo ke ya kgomo ka šakeng e sego ka lapeng. Tša gore tša etwa ke ya tshaadi pele di wela ka leopeng di fedile.

Freedom Charter e re go be le tekatekano. Marena a mabedi a ka se bakišane borena. Tekatekano le dikgaruru tša bong di ka se orišane mollo sehla se sa marega, ebile di ka se dule ka tlase ga morithi o tee selemo. Re le ba ANC re thekga kabotekanyetšo ye ka ge re tseba gore e phuhlamiša mmušo wa diganka tša dikgaruru tša bong tšeo di ithwešitšego sefokana sa mogabana.