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Bilateral meeting between ANC and Al Jama-ah held on 25th of June 2021

Al Jama-ah wishes to extend our gratitude to the ANC specifically the members of the ANC serving in the Ad Hoc team Committee who initiated an inclusive bilateral meeting to initiate and introduce legislation Amending Section 25 of the Constitution of the R.S.A of 1996 in respect of the expropriation of land.

It is duly noted that the Constitutional amendment before Parliament on expropriation of land is one of the most contested pieces of law in South African history. The need for land reform is indeed urgent to address the injustice of the past that were inflicted on majority of South Africans.

Indeed, Section 25 of the Constitution must be amended to note the nil compensation as legitimate option for land reform and address the historic wrongs and arbitrary dispossession of land.

The importance of this meeting was the level of participation and discussion involved open to the different political parties which attests to transformation and sustainability within our country.

The Al Jama-ah delegation was led by its leader and Member of Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks. Another pertinent matter raised was the issue of Waqf religious endowment property and land (which belongs to the Creator) and under guardianship of a Trust. Al Jama-ah requested for assurances that such land will never be 'taken in' by the state.

The ANC's Whip, Hon RMM Lesoma invited Hon Hendricks to join the Ad Hoc Committee. The party is pleased that it will play an instrumental role on the Ad hoc Committee regarding Land Restitution.

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