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SUBJECT: SITHOLE BREAKS WITH ANC

NDABANINGI SITHOLE, ACTING AS PRESIDENT OF ZIMBABWE AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (ZANU), ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 9 WITHDRAWING ZANU FROM ANC AND REPUDIATING DECLARATION OF UNITY SIGNED AT LUSAKA BY FOUR ZIMBABWE FACTIONS ON DECEMBER 7, 1974. TWO PAGE STATEMENT SAID ZANU HAD SIGNED DECLARATION WITH RELUCTANCE, IN INTERESTS OF UNITY, BUT THAT LEADERS OF OTHER FACTIONS HAVE NOT WORKED FOR UNITY. THUS ANC FAILED TO ACHIEVE UNITY BECAUSE: (A) MOST OF ZANU FIGHTING FORCES REFUSED TO WORK UNDER ANC, SO WHEN ZANU PULLED OUT THE ANC "WAS LEFT TOOTHLESS"; (B) THE MEMBER FACTIONS OF ANC FAILED TO COOPERATE, EVEN AFTER NKOMO SPLIT FROM ANC; (C) ANC LEADERSHIP'S APPROACH TO ARMED STRUGGLE WAS UNREVOLUTIONARY AND INEFFECTUAL; AND (D) ANC HAD NO COHERENCE. AS A RESULT, STATEMENT CONTINUES, MILITARY ACTIVITIES WERE FOR A LONG TIME COMPLETELY HALTED, THERE WAS A "HOPELESS FAILURE TO CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE ENEMY", AND THERE WAS NO POLITICAL AND MILITARY

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