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TO: ALL MEDIA HOUSES AND ATM SUPPORTERS

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**RE: Highlights of the ATM strategic planning meeting**

The ATM held a Strategic Planning Session in uMgababa in KZN this past weekend of the 3rd and 4th August 2019. The NEC is happy to advise that this Strategic Session was extremely successful and was attended by delegates across all the nine Provinces including our Youth and Women's desk. This Session provided a uniting forum after all the machinations designed to derail our Movement even before the 8th May 2019 General Elections.

The NEC is calling on all our Members and supporters to remain vigilant and resolute as the dark forces have not stopped in their evil attempts to divide and destroy the ATM. In this regard the NEC wants to make it very clear to all our Members and stakeholders that **only** the ATM leadership can provide any directive to the ATM and its members on any business of the ATM. The ATM is an autonomous organisation subject only to its own constitution. There is **no other** Structure or organisation other than the NEC of the ATM that can command the ATM or its members to do anything whatsoever. The immediate challenge facing the ATM is to consolidate its ground forces through building our Branch network throughout the country and ready ourselves for the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

The ATM will continue to Put SA 1st through respecting the Constitution of our country and all the Chapter nine Institutions. The ATM remains very concerned about the reckless and irresponsible utterances against the office of the Public Protector and condemns the unwarranted attacks on the Public Protector, Adv. Busisiwe Mkhwebane. The ATM holds a strong view that the Public Protector must be allowed to do her work without being intimidated. The ATM has further provided a strong mandate to its deployees in Parliament to push for amendment of PFMA and repeal of PPPFA in order to achieve cleaner governance and inclusion of previously disadvantaged people into the mainstream of the Economy.

The ATM remains very concerned about the neglect of our communities in the rural areas, where pit latrine toilets, shortage of water and bad roads are the order of the day. The local ownership of micro business was also very high on the priorities as a low hanging fruit to create the much-needed jobs. The ATM also reaffirmed its position on Death Penalty as the only way to provide closure to

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affected families. ALL our members are called upon to support the outcomes of this watershed Strategic Planning Session.

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