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MEDIA STATEMENT

BUSA CONGRATULATES ANC ON ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) congratulates the African National Congress on its 100-year Celebration(s). The African National Congress is the oldest liberation movement in Africa and should be proud of its glorious history of fighting colonialism and apartheid. South Africa's economic history would never be complete without an acknowledgement of the ANC's vision of building a prosperous, democratic and non-racial society.

As business we have always understood and have continued to appreciate the value of a democracy this is why business worked closely with the ANC as a political party, we supported the ANC in order to gain democratic economic freedom. Economic freedom thrives on democracy.

Hence business always had a voice even in the dark days of apartheid. It is in this light that today we extend a word of gratitude to the generations of ANC leaders who waged numerous battles in the international front to ensure that the business community in South Africa has access to the world economy, thereby expanding their business opportunities and creating jobs. In our congratulating you, we are saying thank you for standing for democracy.

As we worked with the ANC of yesteryear, we as business are going to continue to work with the ANC of today. We had the political miracle, now we need the economic miracle. We



believe as BUSA we hold the keys to economic emancipation, working closely with you.

We reiterate as business that we welcome the National Planning Commission's document - the National Development Plan - but there needs to be further and more robust engagement on it. 2012, needs to be a year of hard work but we need committed leadership and excellent foundations to gain this economic transformation.

Transformation of the economy is one of BUSA's core objectives. We believe it is fundamental to achieving an inclusive, growing and employment-creating economy. As the apex business organization in South Africa we will continue to ensure that it happens.

We congratulate you on your 100th birthday, with Business you can do more!

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