

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING
THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE
AND INTIMIDATION

INTERIM REPORT ON THE VIOLENCE IN HOSTELS

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THE STATE PRESIDENT

The Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation has the honour to present an interim report on the violence in hostels

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REPORT TO THE STATE PRESIDENT

1. Having regard to the present discussions between the Government and representatives of the ANG, inter alia in respect of hostels, the Commission has decided to report urgently to the State President on certain matters and developments in this regard.
2. The Commission is already in possession of a preliminary report from the committee that it instructed to inquire into hostels. It appears from this report that not all hostels are associated with violence, and that the problem should properly be seen as one of criminality in a limited number of hostels. Precisely which localities are affected is a matter that the committee will have to investigate.
3. The criminality that is associated with those hostels is a matter that must be addressed and dealt with by the Government, which has the primary responsibility for maintaining law and order.
4. In view of the advice from its committee that violence is associated with only a limited number of hostels, the Commission considers that its earlier recommendation that all hostels be fenced off is no longer appropriate. The Commission has accordingly decided to modify that recommendation so

as to make it applicable, where practical, only to those hostels that have been associated with violence.

5. The committee has drawn to the attention of the Commission various issues that arise in relation to the future development of hostels. What is clear to the Commission is that the fullest consultation is required between all parties concerned if future conflict surrounding these issues is to be avoided.
6. To assist in facilitating discussion and consultation between all parties concerned, the Commission has requested the Human Sciences Research Council to undertake a project aimed at developing a proper understanding of the many sensitive issues that underlie future hostels development. That project is already in progress.