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Mr Rocky Malebana-Metsing, a newly-elected member of the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress of South Africa, today spoke of 'South Africa at the crossroads, trying to find peace within itself and harmony with the nations outside'. Mr Malebana-Metsing was addressing a seminar at an international conference of Moral Re-Armament in Caux, Switzerland.

Mr Malebana-Metsing, who has a twenty-year background in business and politics inside South Africa said, 'Since last year, a process has been put in motion leading towards normalization and the eradication of apartheid.' He had never known peace, he said, and had never been regarded as a South African under South African law. 'Mandela has never been a voter in his life,' he added, 'But as South Africans, we are hopeful. Mandela came out of prison without hatred, and without violence.'

'We don't want to see conflict and violence continue,' Mr Malebana-Metsing went on. 'We want to contribute to the peace and stability of Southern Africa.' He paid tribute to the South African whites who had 'stood for justice and surrendered the privileges of apartheid because of the challenge of their consciences'. Trust had to be built and rebuilt, he stressed. 'We've refused to allow negotiations to be derailed. There is no time left to put in place a democratic South Africa.' He warned of the dangers of 'total civil-war if we don't proceed speedily towards a settlement'. The changes that had taken place were still reversible. He concluded by appealing for help in creating a 'peace and reconciliation institute' inside South Africa which would not be an organ of the ANC, but could help 'when we don't see eye to eye with the other side'.