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# ANC studies 'land redistribution tax'

compensation, which the ANC voted for in a parliamentary motion brought by the EFF.

The conference resolution says the expropriation of land without compensation "should be among the key mechanisms available to government to give effect to land reform and redistribution. In determining the mechanism of implementation, we must ensure that we do not undermine future investment in the economy, or damage agricultural production and food security.

"Furthermore, our interventions must not cause harm to

other sectors of the economy." It says the governing party's approach to land reform had to be based on three elements: security of tenure, land restitution and land redistribution

"Concrete interventions are required to improve the functioning of all three elements of land reform. These interventions should focus on government-owned land and should also be guided by the ANC's Ready to Govern policy document, which prioritised the redistribution of vacant, unused and under-utilised state land, as well as land held for speculation and hope-

lessly indebted land," the resolution reads.

It also says the acceleration of the land reform programme should be done in an "orderly manner" and that "strong action" must be taken against those who occupy land unlawfully.

There have been recent reports of land occupations in various parts of the country.

The ANC resolution says the government should further put in place measures for the land tax, support for black farmers and preferential allocation of water rights and infrastructure provision to black farmers. It

should also accelerate the roll-out of title deeds to black South Africans to guarantee security of tenure and provide instruments for financial collateral.

Measures should also be put in place to "democratise control and administration of areas under communal land tenure".

Godongwana said the NEC subcommittee might hold a workshop on land reform at the end of April. This formed part of the resolutions and was aimed at developing a more detailed approach to accelerating land reform and reporting back on the land audit, he said.