

**DECLARATION ON CESSATION/SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES,
ARMED STRUGGLE AND VIOLENCE**

Put to the Negotiating Council on Tuesday 22 June 1993

1. Recognising:

That our country and people urgently require stability and peace in order to progress to a democratic and harmonious future;

2. Mindful:

- * That we are all products of a conflict ridden society and emerging from a long period of tension and hostilities;
- * That many forms of political violence still persist in the resolution of political differences;

3. Believing:

- * That participants in the Negotiating Process have a responsibility to inculcate a new spirit of tolerance;
- * That political rivalry and competition does not require the use of violence;
- * That it is necessary for all participants to categorically eschew violence in all forms;
- * There is a need for cessation/suspension of hostilities/armed struggle/violence for peaceful negotiations to move forward;
- * That Governments, Administrations, Political Organisations and the security forces must do everything possible to create harmony, peace and a conciliatory climate for the Negotiation Process.

4. Aware:

That an invaluable opportunity now exists to decide on our future through a process of peaceful negotiations;

5. Now Therefore Declare:

That as from this 22nd day of June 1993 we, the parties subscribing to this declaration, commit/recommit ourselves to peaceful resolution of conflict and, where applicable, cease/suspend any form of hostilities/armed struggle/violence in pursuance of political objectives and in the resolution of political differences and further ensure that the conduct and utterances of all are consistent with this declaration.