

DECLARATION OF INTENT

We, the duly authorised representatives of political parties, political movements, and government administrations, meeting as the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, recognising the responsibility resting upon all of us to heal the divisions of the past; and to achieve a constitutional and democratic government guaranteeing liberty, justice, peace and the advancement of all in our country, solemnly declare our enduring commitment to:

Bring about peacefully and democratically an undivided South Africa under one nation, sharing a common citizenship, patriotism, and loyalty; and pursuing amidst our diversity the basic and unfettered freedoms of speech, press, assembly, petition and religious worship.

Set in motion the process of arriving at a constitution which will guarantee the following:

That South Africa is a federation and a republic, indivisible, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic.

That multiple parties can contest popular support for representation to seats in government in regular and free elections on the basis of a universal suffrage and one person one vote.

That in general the basic electoral system shall be that of proportional representation.

That the source of sovereignty belongs to the people who exercise it through their representatives or by means of referendum; and such sovereignty cannot be violated by the supremacy of ideology, totalitarianism or through violent means employed by the State.

That there shall be a separation of powers between the legislature, executive and judiciary with appropriate checks and balances.

That three tiers of government, namely central, regional and local will come into being with divisions and powers among the three tiers constitutionally defined.

That there shall be a categorical affirmation of the rights and liberties of man and the citizen as consecrated by:

- * the Declaration of the Rights of Man of 1789, and
- * the Universal Declaration of Man of December 10, 1948 and

that the above will, amongst other things, be protected under an entrenched and justiciable Bill of Rights.

That in pursuance of the above goal, both the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights; and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights will be ratified and upheld in perpetuity.

That the equality of all before the law, without distinction of origin, race, sex or religion is enshrined and guaranteed.

That in our attempts to conceive a new nation we recognise that the Convention for Democracy in South Africa is a rare, unique and god-given opportunity for a harmonious and peaceful resolution of long-standing political differences, acrimony, and even of enmity.

We therefore solemnly commit ourselves in good faith to be bound by the decisions of CODESA and furthermore to take all such steps as are within our respective power and authority to give full effect to such decisions.

Nkosi sikelele' iAfrika.

Morena boloka Sechaba sa heso.

Ons vir jou Suid-Afrika.

May the Lord Bless our Country!

Mudzimu fhatutsheza eAfrika.

Hosi katekisa iAfrika.