

DECLARATION OF INTENT

We, the participants to the first meeting of the CONVENTION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA hereby commit ourselves

to bring about through peaceful negotiations an undivided South Africa with one nation sharing a common patriotism and loyalty, pursuing amidst the diversity of our community, freedom, equality and security for all regardless of colour, creed or culture, free from apartheid or any other form of discrimination or domination;

to create a climate conducive to peaceful constitutional reform by eliminating political violence, intimidation and destabilisation and by promoting free political participation;

to follow procedures conducive to achieving maximum support and consensus.

to map out the road to a new constitution based on the following principles:

1. South Africa shall continue to be a sovereign Republic constituted of all its citizens and exercising exclusive authority over the whole of its territory;
2. the constitution shall be the supreme law, and everything done by the state and its organs shall be justiciable by an independent judiciary in terms of the constitution and of a Charter of Fundamental Rights;
3. there shall be an effective separation of powers between the legislative, executive and judicial authority;
4. there shall be three tiers of government, namely central, regional and local and the division of powers and functions among the three tiers shall be defined and entrenched in the constitution;

- ✓ 5. the constitution shall guarantee a multi-party democracy based on universal adult suffrage and the right to form and join political parties;
- ✓ 6. the constitution shall guarantee the entrenched protection of the fundamental rights of all/citizens, minorities and communities;
7. economic growth and development shall be promoted by a market orientated economic system with minimum state intervention base on free enterprise, private initiative and the right to own property and to contract freely and there shall be social responsibility on the part of the state and the private sector to enhance the quality of life and ensure equal opportunities for all the people;
9. the constitution shall acknowledge the plurality of cultures and the ethnic diversity of the citizens of South Africa.

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- 1) Undivided nation
- 2) Country of freedom
equality & security
for all
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