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This Five Year Plan of Action is based on the Programme of Principles and the 1987 Election Manifesto of the National Party, as well as the complete Plan of Action of 1989. All of these remain relevant and valid and, indeed, opened way for this Five Year Plan of Action.

**THE GOAL:**

The National Party aims to create a new South Africa in which every South African will live in safety, prosperity and dignity, both as an individual and as a member of a group.

The new South Africa must be a democracy in which

- no individual or group dominates or is dominant;
- the independence of the judiciary is upheld and honoured;
- civilised norms apply;
- a dynamic economy thrives, based on free enterprise;
- everybody lives in safety and harmony;
- and as good neighbours to the international community.

In short  
**A SOUTH AFRICA TO BE PROUD OF!**

**COMMITMENT:**

We, the National Party, commit ourselves:

- to the energetic pursuit of each of the key points of this ideal for the future;
- to show real progress within the next five years, with regard to each of the key objectives contained in this Plan of Action;
- to uphold the commitments contained in our Programme of Principles and our Manifesto of 1987;
- to put to the electorate any new constitutional principles before implementation, and to submit constitutional changes to Parliament for approval.

**A democracy:  
participation for all**

Every South African has the right to participate in decision-making at all levels of government which affect his interests, subject to the principle of non-domination.



The National Party will, within the next five years:

- *promote those values which unite us;*
- *engage the leaders of groups who are committed to peaceful solutions in talks and negotiations;*
- *develop institutions in which these leaders can participate in the creation of a new South Africa;*
- *review the position of the Head of State, his functions and powers, and the manner of his election.*

**THE NATIONAL PARTY'S PLAN FOR NEGOTIATED PARTICIPATION FOR EVERYONE IS THE ONLY PLAN THAT CAN CREATE A JUST SOUTH AFRICA OF WHICH ALL SOUTH AFRICANS CAN BE PROUD.**

**No domination:  
protection for individuals and groups**

The diversity in the South African population necessitates the protection of individuals and minorities. Domination, in whatever form, will bring bloodshed, poverty and misery.

To ensure a lasting democracy, the participation of all groups and individuals must be permanently protected, with checks and balances to prevent domination.

The National Party will, within the next five years:

- *promote the peaceful settlement of political disputes, and non-domination, as cardinal values;*
- *promote self-determination regarding own affairs, along with joint decision-making on general affairs, by means of the division and the devolution of power in a non-discriminatory manner;*
- *inject a new dynamism into the process of negotiation in order to seek agreement among leaders on:*
  - *a basis for eliminating and preventing domination,*
  - *an objective and depoliticised deadlock-breaking mechanism to take final decisions in case of disputes,*
  - *a more just and meaningful basis on which groups may be defined for political participation;*
- *give constitutional expression to the protection of human rights – both individual rights and group values;*
- *give content to the overall juridical and structural protection of groups in constitutional structures;*
- *reinforce the process of negotiation with independent expert research and advice.*

**ONLY THE NATIONAL PARTY'S PLAN CAN OFFER JUST AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION TO MINORITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND SO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR CO-OPERATION BY ALL.**

**The judiciary and  
equality before the law**

A strong, independent judiciary is an essential guarantee for the protection of individual rights and group values, and ensures a stable democracy and justice for all.

The National Party will, within the next five years:

- *continue with law reform in order to ensure justice for all;*
- *guarantee the inviolability of the offices of judges and judicial officers, ensuring the independence of the judiciary;*
- *ensure the conduct of proper and lawful public administration through the office of the Advocate General.*

**THE NATIONAL PARTY GUARANTEES A SOUND, STRONG AND INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AS THE CORNERSTONE OF A JUST AND FREE SOUTH AFRICA.**

**Civilised norms:  
social welfare**

Each individual and each group must have the freedom to enjoy a community life of his choice. Because of the diverse needs of the people of South Africa, this must be expressed in the principle of "live and let live".

The practical application of this principle must eventually be embodied in a set of arrangements, mutually acceptable to all groups, arrived at through negotiation.

The National Party will, within the next five years:

- *negotiate with leaders to find a mutually acceptable basis for the maintenance of an own community life, own residential areas and own schools for those who so wish, and for the provision and utilisation of public amenities;*
- *promote effective education at all levels, within the available means;*
- *promote home ownership and appropriate welfare housing;*



- *make progress in respect of the housing needs of rapidly urbanising groups, within affordable limits;*
- *make available new and established residential areas, after thorough consultation with the residents, providing for people who prefer living in free settlement areas;*
- *maintain own residential areas according to the Group Areas Act in a firm, yet sensitive manner until an acceptable alternative method can be put into practice;*
- *make progress in the provision of public amenities in order to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the various communities;*
- *open up amenities, where necessary and where this can take place without causing serious conflict - amenities which have been successfully opened may not be closed again;*
- *ensure the prevention of health hazards and poor social conditions caused by over-population and illegal squatting through the proper implementation of local by-laws and other applicable measures.*

**THE NATIONAL PARTY'S PLAN IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH CAN BRING SATISFACTION BECAUSE IT GIVES ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR CHOICE AND OFFERS AN ORDERLY EXISTENCE TO ALL.**

### A dynamic economy

A healthy and dynamic economy is essential for stability, peace and prosperity.

Adversities such as the worst drought in living memory, a prolonged slump in the gold price and the most vicious international campaign over more than two decades, to break the South African economy through boycotts, sanctions and disinvestment, have strained the economy of the country and the position of every business and household.

A concerted effort by the government and the people of South Africa is necessary to restore the health and prosperity of our economy and the well-being of all our people.

The National Party will, within the next five years:

- *lower personal income tax, reducing marginal rates to a maximum of 40% at the income level of R100 000 (as far as possible in terms of 1989 values) instead of the present 45% at R80 000;*
- *reduce company tax from 50% to 40%, together with the phasing out of tax abatements as recommended by the Margo Commission;*

- *reduce the State's deficit before borrowing to attain an acceptable level of around 3% of the Gross Domestic Product in order to relieve pressure on interest rates;*
- *reduce inflation;*
- *follow a continuous programme of privatisation and deregulation;*
- *implement an industrial strategy focussed on export promotion and import replacement;*
- *promote the further beneficiation of South Africa's raw materials;*
- *continue to reconstruct the agricultural sector;*
- *promote the large tourism potential of our country*

**THE NATIONAL PARTY'S REALISTIC ECONOMIC PLAN, RESOLUTELY AND CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED, WILL PLACE SOUTH AFRICA ON THE ROAD OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY.**

### Security

A state or government's first duty is to protect people and their property against enemies and criminal elements. Efficient security services are indispensable for an orderly and peaceful community. This provides a stable climate for political, economic and social development.

The National Party will, within the next five years

- *equip the South African Police adequately with manpower and resources to enable them to fight crime more effectively;*
- *maintain the readiness of the South African Defence Force in terms of both manpower and equipment to enable it to withstand the internal, regional and international threats against South Africa;*
- *limit the involvement of Citizen Force and Commando members, especially as far as annual camps are concerned, taking into account the security situation;*
- *enable the South African Prison Services to perform its role of custody and rehabilitation even more efficiently.*

**THE NATIONAL PARTY WILL ENSURE THAT A STRONG DEFENCE FORCE AND POLICE FORCE WILL REMAIN THE BASIS FOR A STRONG AND JUST SOUTH AFRICA.**



## The international community

The Republic of South Africa must regain its rightful place in the international community, while maintaining the honour and dignity of our country.

The National Party will, within the next five years:

- promote the successful conclusion of the independence process for South West Africa/Namibia;
- promote peace and stability in all the countries of the southern African region, and particularly Angola and Mozambique;
- promote economic co-operation amongst all the countries of southern Africa;
- counter boycotts and sanctions while working to improve the image of South Africa.

**THE NATIONAL PARTY CAN BE ENTRUSTED  
WITH THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA IN  
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN THE REST OF THE  
WORLD BECAUSE**

**THE NATIONAL PARTY PUTS  
SOUTH AFRICA FIRST!**

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