

Declaration of Intent

We, political leaders of South Africa,

- * upholding the dignity and worth of every human being,
- * committed to the supremacy of law,
- * maintaining that government must be accountable to the people,
- * believing that freedom is the inalienable right of all men and women, and
- * sharing the desire of our people to be proud citizens of a free South Africa commanding respect in the community of the nations:

submit ourselves
Now meet in a generous and constructive spirit to begin the process of agreeing upon a constitution which will, when properly authorised by the people,

- * define the basic rights of every South African and entrench those rights against infringement from any quarter,
- * establish fair and honest rules by which the people shall govern themselves,
- * empower every South African freely to choose his or her path through life,
- * secure and protect for each citizen the fruits of his or her labour and property,
- * ensure the just allocation of the revenues and resources of the state for the development and well-being of all the people,
- * protect and preserve the rights of free speech, expression and religion, and
- * enshrine the independence and supremacy of the courts of law as the defenders of the liberty and security of each individual and of the constitution itself.

And now jointly resolve that the free South Africa thus established shall be governed by the people through the free, equal and regular vote of all adult citizens, exercised within a multi-party democracy which guarantees personal and economic freedom under the rule of law.

Proposed by the Democratic Party.

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We, the representatives of political parties, political movements and Governments meeting as the CONVENTION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA constitute ourselves as a forum and

- * declare our commitment to bring about an undivided South Africa, pursuing amidst the diversity of our communities, freedom, equality and security for all regardless of colour, creed or sex, free from authoritarian rule apartheid or any other form of discrimination or domination, a constitution that will guarantee a multi-party democracy and fundamental human rights for all under the supremacy of the law;
- * dedicate ourselves in a spirit of goodwill, to set in motion a process of peaceful negotiations which will, when properly authorised by all the people, realise our vision for a new South Africa.