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RESOLUTION TO GO BEFORE THE ANC NATIONAL CONGRESS, JULY 1991  
PROPOSED BY THE WYNBERG BRANCH OF THE ANC  
[On the inclusion of workers' rights in a new Constitution]

THIS CONGRESS

1. Recognising that a new constitution for South Africa must be formulated by a democratically-elected Constituent Assembly;
2. Believing that the ANC must argue for the inclusion of clauses guaranteeing the rights of workers within the Constitution;
3. Resolves that the ANC supports the inclusion of the following clauses within the Constitution:
  - a) The right to work.
  - b) The right to a living unemployment benefit for those unable to work or unable to find work.
  - c) The right to a living wage.
  - d) The right to organise nationally and internationally in independent trade union organisations.
  - e) The right to strike without fear of victimisation or of dismissal as a result of striking.
  - f) Freedom from ~~work~~ discrimination against any worker on the grounds of race or gender.
4. Further resolves that COSATU's Worker's Charter should be included within the Constitution.
5. Further resolves that the ANC must commit itself to following policies and strategies aimed at ensuring that these rights may be translated into practice.

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NOTING:

- a. that the Freedom Charter states that:  
"The national wealth of the country, the heritage of all South Africans shall be restored to the people;  
The mineral wealth beneath the soil, the banks and monopoly industry shall be transferred to the ownership of the people as a whole;  
all other industries and trade shall be controlled to assist the well-being of the people as a whole"
- b. The clause in the draft Bill of Rights concerning protection of private property

BELIEVING:

- a. that the wealth of the companies in the commanding heights of the economy has been accumulated through oppression and exploitation
- b. that the clause in the Draft Bill of Rights will stop an ANC government from pursuing the policy option of nationalisation of the commanding heights of the economy without compensation
- c. that nationalisation without compensation should be protected and kept open as a policy option

THEREFORE RESOLVES:

- a. to remove the clause protecting private property from the Bill of Rights
- b. to reaffirm the policy goals from the Freedom Charter listed above
- b. to protect and keep open the nationalisation of the commanding heights of the economy without compensation as a policy option for a future democratically elected government.