

DECLARATION OF INTENT

BEFORE the people of our land,

and in the presence of witnesses from the international community,

WE, the delegates assembled at the opening session of CODESA,

SOLEMNLY issue these STATEMENTS of COMMITMENT, GOALS and PRINCIPLES.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

WE, the undersigned, declare that we are authorised by the various administrations and political parties which we represent to participate in the proceedings of CODESA.

WE solemnly commit ourselves to accept the binding force and effect of the decisions of CODESA, and in good faith to take all such steps as are within our power and authority to realise their implementation.

STATEMENT OF GOALS

WE regard CODESA as a step towards achieving the following goals:

establishing a free and open society based on democratic values where the dignity and worth of every South African man and woman is protected by law;

guaranteeing that people of diverse backgrounds with different faiths and cultural traditions can live together as equals and compatriots, enjoying the same fundamental rights and freedoms, sharing a common loyalty and coming together to build a new nation;

liberating the creative capacities of the people as a whole so as to ensure social, economic and cultural advance for all;

redressing injustice, healing division, and ending violence;

enabling a democratic South Africa with a government whose legitimacy is recognised by the people of our country and by

the international community, to take its rightful place as part of the family of nations in Africa and the world.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

WE declare that the following principles shall form the foundation of a new constitution for our country:

1. South Africa shall become a united, democratic, non-racial and non-sexist state.
2. All its people shall enjoy common citizenship and nationality, regardless of race, colour, sex or creed.
3. All its people shall have the right to participate in the government and administration of the country on the basis of a universal suffrage exercised through one person one vote under a common voters roll. The basic electoral principle shall be that of proportional representation.
4. There shall be a separation of powers between the legislature, executive and judiciary with appropriate checks and balances.
5. South Africa shall be a multi-party democracy with regular elections. All shall have the right to form and join any political party of their choice.
6. All shall enjoy universally recognised human rights, freedoms and civil liberties, protected under an entrenched Bill of Rights.
7. South Africa shall have a legal system which shall guarantee equality of all before the law.
8. South Africa shall have an independent, non-racial and representative judiciary.
9. A democratic South Africa shall respect the rights, sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries and pursue a policy of peace, friendship and mutually beneficial co-operation with all peoples.

*Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka Sechaba sa heso.
Ons vir jou Suid Africa. May the Lord bless our Country.
Mudzimu fhatutsheza eAfrika. Hosi katekisa iAfrika.*

Signed: