

AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

RESOLUTION ON RESTORATION OF NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP

THIS WORKING GROUP ON "THE FUTURE OF THE TBVC STATES":

NOTING

1. That various laws creating Bantustans and in particular the four Status Acts which conferred independence on the TBVC states, have DENATIONALIZED millions of persons to whom homeland citizenship was allocated and have deprived them of South African citizenship;
2. That such denationalization and deprivation of South African citizenship was imposed upon a disfranchised people against their wishes and without any form of real consultation.
3. Further that the international community (through the United Nations Organisation, Commonwealth, European Economic Community and the Organisation of African Unity) have never recognised this action on the part of the South African government and has declared such action invalid and contrary to international law;

BELIEVING

That persons thus deprived of their South African nationality and citizenship are entitled to the restoration thereof and that all citizens of South Africa (including the people of the TBVC states) are entitled as of right to participate in the process of constitution-making and in all transitional processes;

AND BELIEVING FURTHER

That such participation will be rendered meaningless unless the South African citizenship of all affected persons is restored with immediate effect

THIS WORKING GROUP THEREFORE RESOLVES

That South African citizenship should be restored to all persons who lost their citizenship as a result of the enactment of the various Status Acts, provided also that any child born after independence to any such person, shall also automatically become a South African citizen, and that any person born of a South African parent in a TBVC state shall also automatically be a South African citizen.