## NEC STATEMENT FOR UDF NEWS

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We are proud of the achievements of the UDF in the twelve nonths since its launching. We believe that the past year has taught us much about our strength and our ability to organise. It has also taught us how the government and their puppets panic when the strength of the democratic movement drives them into a corner.

We are going to pass an important milestone in our history, the tricameral parliament elections. We have called on the people to boycott thease elections. All the signs indicate that the people will heed this call because this is a call for unity and against sell-outs. The NEC would like to thank the people for this response.

It must be emphasised that the elections are not the end of the struggle against apartheid. It is but the beginning of a new phase of oppression where P.W.Botha will be assissted by his junior partners, the Hendrickseś and Raybansiś. The harsh effects of the New Deal will only be felt after the opening of the tricameral parliaments in September. Our resistance must be deepened to starve off this attempt to strengthen the hand of apartheid.

The period ahead calls for the strengthening of our voice by strengthening our democratic organisations. We must build on the lessons of the past year.

In addition, we must now clarify our demands for the future South Africa, and the path to liberation. Our call to the people is to take these discussions into our organisations. By doing this, you will guarantee that the principles we uphold -UNITY and DEMOCRACY. Our future depends on your willingness.

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