

**PROGRAMME TO END CONSCRIPTION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

**1. INTERIM DEMANDS**

1.1 The immediate introduction of a system of Alternative National Service. This system should be,

1.1.1 Made available, on application, to all people who due to religious, moral, political, humanitarian or any other reason, feel they cannot serve in the SADF.

1.1.2 The same period of service as current actual service in the SADF. The period of Alternative service should be served as a continuous period.

1.1.3 Service in either Government Departments, Para-Statal Departments or Non Government welfare Organisations.

1.1.4 The same as payment structure as military service men with a live out allowance being given to alternative servicemen not living at their place of work.

1.2 The immediate release of jailed conscientious objectors into a system of Alternative National Service with credit given pro-rata for any portion of their sentence already served. If such a system is still being established, jailed conscientious objectors should be released on bail pending their allocation into alternative service.

1.3 All pending charges in terms of the Defence Act against conscientious objectors should be dropped and those conscientious objectors should be given the choice to participate in a system of alternative service.

1.4 Exiles, who have left the country to avoid military service, should be allowed to return and be given the choice to participate in a system of alternative service, with indemnity from prosecution under the Defence Act.

1.5 Those conscripts who have been evading military service inside and outside the country should also be given the choice of a system of alternative service and all charges (in terms of the Defence Act) accumulated through evading military service should be dropped.

**2. LONGER TERM DEMANDS**

2.1 In order to satisfy the legitimate security needs of a state, the SADF should be restructured into a professional army with a volunteer reserve force.

2.2 The final situation should be an end to conscription of any kind.

**3. THE FUTURE -**

3.1 When the negotiations process, which our country is poised to embark on, has reached its end and a government is elected which represents the interests of all South Africa's people, there should no conscription of any form.

3.2 Conscription, in this situation, can only be introduced after a national referendum has been held (based on universal adult franchise) and 2/3 of those who vote are in favour of such

a system of conscription.

3.3 If, the process outlined in 3.2 results in the introduction of conscription, any form of military conscription can only be introduced if a system of alternative service (as outlined in 1.1) is also simultaneously introduced, i.e. if conscientious objection is recognised as a right.

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