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PROPOSED POSITION STATEMENT ON THE "COLOURED INDIAN"
ELECTION FOR THE TRICAMERAL PARLIAMENT.

We, the confined majority within the ghettos and deserts of this our motherland through the inhuman and unjust laws of this Apartheid Regime executed through the Apartheid Courts, police and the army. We, the confined majority within 13% of the land in the barren Bantustans (and so called independent national states), resulting in the loss of our citizenship and thus becoming foreigners in the land of our birth, noting:

- (1) That the New Constitution of South Africa as endorsed by the white minority at the November 2nd 1983 referendum is based on this brutal act of confining us into the Bantustan by force after the long and painful process of dispossession.
- (2) That this New Constitution is found on the pain and suffering and even unto death, of about 3 million Africans who have been forcefully removed and relocated to complete the confinement of the African majority, thus paving a way for the New Constitution.
- (3) That this Constitution is based on the success of the Apartheid Regime in confining the African majority within the Bantustans and proclaimed "white" areas through the racist influx control which has resulted in the prosecution of millions of our people (at a rate of more than 500 people per day in 1982) in the Apartheid Courts of the Racist Regime with many serving jail sentences and others "deported" to the said Bantustans.
- (4) That thousands of our people have been brutally killed and some tortured to death others maimed by the police force and army of this Apartheid Regime for rejecting and resisting Apartheid.
- (5) That many of our leaders are languishing in jail and many others have served long (and short) sentences in the Apartheid prisons resisting this Apartheid Regime.

We therefore wish to declare to all South Africans (both White and Black) and to the world at large.

- (a) That there will never be peace in South Africa as long as the majority of the oppressed is not involved in determining their own destiny but confined in a brutal way to 13% of the land.
- (b) That those who have chosen to participate in the racist Tri-Cameral Parliament have henceforth crossed the battle line (like all participants in the Bantustan System and the Black local authorities) to join the white minority in the oppression of the Black Majority.
- (c) That all those who are going to put their vote on August 22nd and 27th shall also be declaring their side with the enemy against the oppressed majority and thus will be taking the blame for the evils of this system as perpetrated against the defenceless majority and also for the blood that will be shed in South Africa after August 1984.
- (d) We further wish to warn, in the strongest possible terms, Hendrickse and Rajbansi and their parties to stop the crime of saying they are going into the system to represent Africans when they are doing so for their own personal gains. We want to make it clear that we do not need their representation. We are here to represent ourselves, our leaders are here to represent us, they are languishing in prison.

We express nevertheless our confidence in our brothers and sisters in both the Coloured and Indian communities that they will never abandon our long tradition of suffering and struggling together, and that they will refuse to be co-opted to the system on the election-day by staying away from the polls in solidarity with the oppressed.

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