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Saweto Local Authority

Preamble to Five Year Plan.

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SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the people of Soweto having rejected the powerless advice tribunals and all that it represents in terms of ethnicity and the frustrations of natural genius and creativity and resourcesfulness of community and

WHEREAS the point in the development and the history of Soweto is reached where the natural leaders and the true representatives of the people should take over the reigns of leadership, and

WHEREAS the people have in the clearest terms rejected in toto the imposed appointees of the ^{Central Government} white-minority government of the Republic of South Africa to direct the affairs of Soweto in the interests of the regime and not in the interests of the people and

WHEREAS the people will not accept any but those representatives whom they choose and in whom they have confidence and trust to represent their interests and to do the things that are necessary for the social economic welfare of the people of Soweto and

WHEREAS it is self evident to even the most casual observer of the metropolis of Soweto that during the period in which the ^{Central Govt} minority-regime had control of the city of Soweto that little or no facilities were provided for the people of Soweto who number in excess of one million and

WHEREAS the people of Soweto are not prepared to allow this state of affairs to continue to their detriment and

WHEREAS the lack of proper medical facilities inter alia the infant mortality rate of Soweto ranks amongst the highest in the world despite the thriving economy of the country which is bolstered by the labour of the hundreds of thousands of workers of Soweto and

WHEREAS the almost total lack of suitable recreational facilities, the crime rate in Soweto has escalated to unprecedented proportions in as much as there are approximately three murders a day in Soweto which is in excess of any other city comparable in its size in the whole world and crimes of violence and various other crimes have one of the highest incidents in the world and

WHEREAS there is a total neglect of proper laying of roads, of mechanising roads, of providing proper grass verges and pavements, of proper upkeep of the existing roads despite the large numbers of motor traffic in Soweto and the attendant paying into the coffers of the city of Johannesburg and the municipality in terms of licences for motor vehicles and

WHEREAS there is a general ^{lack} dearth of proper facilities for a population the size of Soweto who are the turners of the wheels of industry and the producers in the industrialised, sophisticated economy of South Africa which in turn has a gross national product which is more than the whole of the rest of Africa combined in which the workers of Soweto play a significant part and

WHEREAS the generation of income in the city of Soweto is ^{not} sufficient to provide proper facilities for the people and

WHEREAS there is a commitment in the people of Soweto to run their own affairs for the benefit of the people in their city and for the greater benefit and good of the people of South Africa generally and

WHEREAS the will and determination of the people has solidified into a mass strength who make their demands as follows:

IT IS NOW RESOLVED THAT the people of Soweto will formulate and control the "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY";

THAT because of the history of Soweto and its ^(C) dearth of facilities it is necessary to have a five-year plan to bring up the city of Soweto to a proper functioning entity with proper facilities, road-works, health services, administration of justice, social amenities, places of entertainment, playing-fields, academic training facilities, industrial and technical training facilities, and all things that are necessary to continue to function as a proper municipality;

THAT given the spirit and goodwill of the black concept of sharing and communalism that the affairs of Soweto must be run by the people, for the people and that the people of Soweto should elect their own representatives;

THAT this manifesto is taken to the people and that they should decide on the wisdom of it and for the carrying out of the action program and ultimately for the running of the affairs of Soweto.

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