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Dear Friends

On August 22 and 29 this year the Coloured and Indian people will be called upon to vote for an unjust and undemocratic Constitution designed and presented to them as a fait accompli by the exclusive White Nationalist Party government.

The Nationalists want want the people of South Africa and indeed the entire Western world to believe that the new constitution represents reforms, a change of heart and a way forward which may well lead to lasting peace. But to a majority of our people the new constitution represents yet another chapter in the legacy of repression and brutal subjugation of the popular voice of peace, progress and democracy. It is an evil device calculated to perpetuate the process of denial of political rights to the Africans whilst it places the Coloured and Indian South Africans at the mercy of a few collaborators and their Apartheid masters. It divides religious adult people into voters and non-voters thereby laying the basis for conflict of interests amongst believers.

However, we do not want to pretend that the Constitution has not changed anything. For the first time collaborators will receive fat cheques for selling the Coloured and Indian people for thirty (30) pieces of silver. Unlike the old structures of Apartheid the new ones christened parliaments will allow them to discuss the so-called own affairs nearer to their Apartheid masters. More than ever before Apartheid will now be implemented with their approval and with their assistance. For the first time they will be obliged to commit the Coloured and Indian youths to the border duties of the racists army and police force which may have implications that will make the Koevoet atrocities in Namibia resemble a Sunday School picnic.

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The UDF sees the so-called reform as the surest way to violent confrontation and polarisation of our Society. To that extent the UDF has been championing a determined struggle to ensure that this new constitution fails.

Today, a few days before the critical moment of elections, we take the liberty to ask you to join millions who are demonstrating in various ways their rejection of the Apartheid fraud. We know that you have in your own way shown that you reject the coming puppet elections. Nevertheless, we think that a renewal of a public call on your part for rejection of this evil ploy will add a spur to our campaign and speed up our victory against the Apartheid plans.

We ask you to consider special church services for the weekend of 19 August 1984 to mark the climax of the campaign against this undemocratic constitution.

At this crucial moment in our history all of us are called upon to make a selfless contribution to avert the blood-bath that this new constitution will cause.

Yours in the struggle,

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