



PATRIOTIC/UNITED FRONT CONFERENCE

STATEMENT

Joint Approach on Constitutional Process with regard to Negotiations

The Patriotic/United Front Conference, held in Durban, South Africa, from October 25-27 1991 agrees:

1. TRANSFER OF POWER

The transfer of power from the minority regime to the people is the main objective of our struggle. Pursuance of this objective an All-Party Conference/Pre-Constituent Assembly Meeting (APC/PCAM) will have to be convened as soon as possible.

2. PURPOSE OF THE APC/PCAM

The purpose of the APC/PCAM would be to work out modalities of transferring power to the people. The modalities must centre around the establishment of an elected Constitutional Assembly based on one person one vote with all eligible voters voting on a common voters' roll; constitutional principles within the framework outlined in the UN/OAU Declarations; Interim Government/Transitional Authority; the role of the international community; re-incorporation of the Bantustans and a definite time-frame.

3. CONVENORSHIP

3.1 The APC/PCAM must be convened by an independent and neutral convenor, and not the regime. The PAC and ANC must agree on an acceptable convenor.

3.2 A meeting should be held within the next few weeks with the regime and other interested parties to discuss the date, venue and an independent convenor for the APC/PCAM.

4. APPROACH TO PROCESS

4.1 On issues where there is agreement at this or future meetings of the Patriotic/United Front actions and positions will be underlined by the principle of unity in action and unity of purpose as a Front. On issues where consensus has not been reached endeavours to find common ground will continue. Should consensus not be reached organisations can act independently.

4.2 The Patriotic/United Front shall be reconvened after six months for the purposes of reporting and further consultations and joint planning.

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