

RESOLUTION

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Resolution of the End Conscription Campaign [Cape Town Branch]  
adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26  
November 1991 at 4 Merino Avenue in Rondebosch East:

NOTING THAT:

- 1 The South African Defence Force and all other government and related institutions have been utilised by the present minority government to maintain itself in power and to enforce its policies against the wishes and demands of the majority of the people of South Africa;
- 2 The organisations representing the majority will of the people of South Africa demand that:
  - 2.1 A new Constitution having legitimacy in the eyes of all the people of South Africa must be adopted by a Constituent Assembly elected by, and representative of, all the people of South Africa in a universal and free and fair election;
  - 2.2 A climate of free political activity be guaranteed during the transitional period of the election of a Constituent Assembly and the adoption of a new Constitution;
- 3 The present minority government has committed itself to the process of negotiation of a new Constitution;
- 4 The present minority government has repealed Apartheid laws discriminating on the grounds of racial classification;
- 5 The South African Defence Force nonetheless continues to conscript all white male youths in a racially discriminatory manner and without affording conscientious objectors the right to refuse conscription into the South African Defence Force;

BELIEVING:

- 1 It is imperative that an Interim Government representative of all the people of South Africa be established during the transitional period which will:
  - 1.1 Administer and govern the country during the transitional period for the purpose of overseeing the election of a Constituent Assembly in a universal and free and fair election, and the adoption of a new Constitution;

- 1.2 Guarantee a climate of free political activity during the transitional period for the purpose of the election of a Constituent Assembly in a universal and free and fair election, and the adoption of a new Constitution;
- 1.3 Effectively restrain and control the activities of the South African Defence Force and all other government and related institutions during the transitional period for the purpose of ensuring a climate of free political activity;
- 2 That the South African Defence Force and all other government and related institutions, for reasons of their partiality and enforcement of the policies of the present minority government against the wishes and demands of the majority of the people of South Africa, cannot impartially maintain peace and order during the transitional period or ensure a climate of free political activity;
- 3 The present system of conscription and the present role and structure of the South African Defence Force will be inappropriate during the period of the transition and under conditions of the effective restraint and control the activities of the South African Defence Force and all other government and related institutions by an Interim Government during the transitional period;
- 4 That the present system of conscription is anachronistic in its discriminatory application on purely racial grounds;
- 5 That conscription into the South African Defence Force is morally unjustified and obstructive to the negotiation process.

THEREFORE RESOLVES:

- 1 To call for the immediate abolition of the present system of conscription;
- 2 To call for the effective restraint and control the activities of the South African Defence Force and all other government and related institutions by an Interim Government during the transitional period for the purpose of ensuring a climate of free political activity;
- 3 To support the campaigns of the organisations representing the majority will of the people of South Africa for the effective restraint and control the activities of the South African Defence Force and all other government and related institutions by an Interim Government, and for the immediate abolition of the present system of conscription.

VOTING: Unanimously adopted

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