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4. Declaration
In good conscience, and of my own accord, I have decided not to serve in the SADF.
Signed:
Date:
(You may attach a statement to this document setting out in more detail your reasons for refusing to serve)

The present system of community service is discriminatory and punitive

We, people who are performing or have performed up to six years "community service" as an alternative to military service, hereby declare that the present system of alternative service is discriminatory and punitive and is in urgent need of substantial transformation. This is shown inter alia by the following:

- only a few people with objections to military service are eligible for alternative service (only religious pacifists qualify) and four conscientious objectors have already been imprisoned during the last 20 months;
- the period of alternative service is excessively long and the Minister of Defence has consistently refused to reduce alternative service to correspond to the actual average length of military service rendered;
- alternative service may only be rendered in government structures, while many community servers cannot be suitably placed in such structures and while their posts are often not of a socially useful nature;
- numerous conditions of service are punitive in nature and the Director-General of Manpower has reneged an undertaking by his predecessor to meet with a delegation of the National Community Servers' Group to discuss matters of grave concern regarding the system of alternative service.

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