



ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT

Manifesto

for free and fair elections
in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA'S first ever one-person one-vote elections are to take place on 27 April 1994. They will be a milestone in South Africa's history and will represent the first fundamental step in the transformation of South Africa from an apartheid state to a united, non-racial and democratic society.

World-wide action against apartheid played an important role in generating the pressures which made possible the negotiating process now underway in South Africa.

Now it is essential that effective international pressure is applied to ensure that the electoral process is genuinely free and fair and results in a decisive majority committed to a democratic future for South Africa.

This Ten Point Manifesto sets out the conditions which the international community must ensure are created to guarantee that South Africa's first ever one-person one-vote elections are genuinely free and fair.

1. A democratic electoral process. This will require the establishment of an Independent Electoral Commission including appropriate international participation and the enactment of a democratic electoral law;

2. Free political activity. A climate of free political activity will have to be created throughout South Africa including all the bantustans. This will require the end to political repression and violence and the right of all political parties to canvass and organise openly and freely;

3. Impartial behaviour of all state and other official organs. A multi-party Transitional Executive Council must be established to ensure such behaviour, and in particular provide for impartial control of the military and other security forces and the police;

4. Easy formalities in order to be entitled to vote. All South Africans must be able to exercise their democratic right to participate in the electoral process – the procedures to register (or the equivalent) must be designed to facilitate this;

5. Effective programmes of voter education. These should be aimed especially at those sections of the population which have previously been disenfranchised;

6. Impartiality by the printed and electronic media. All political organisations and especially those which were denied access to the population as a result of banning orders and other measures under South Africa's draconian security laws should have free and equitable access to the media in order to explain their policies;

7. Prohibition of the covert funding of political organisations by the state. There must be no repetition of the Pretoria regime's dirty tricks such as it practised during Namibia's pre-independence elections in 1989;

8. Availability of equitable financial resources to all political organisations contesting the elections. Those organisations which were banned and whose main constituencies have been disadvantaged by apartheid will require substantial international support in order to participate on an equitable basis;

9. An electoral process free of manipulation, fraud and ballot rigging, with a secret vote and unimpeded and easy access to the polling booth;

Above all, to ensure that these conditions are met,

10. The establishment of a sizeable presence in South Africa by the United Nations, in conjunction, if appropriate, with other inter-governmental bodies, in order to provide for:

- the international monitoring of the entire electoral process to ensure that it is free and fair and meets established international criteria;
- the international supervision of the voting process to prevent fraud and ballot rigging;
- international verification of the election results.

This Ten Point Manifesto, launched on 27 July 1993 at a ceremony in the House of Commons, exactly nine months prior to the first non-racial South African elections, is a key element in the *International Campaign to Promote Free and Fair Elections* initiated by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston and the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

The AAM is seeking endorsements for this Manifesto from individuals and organisations in order to demonstrate the breadth of public support for its contents. The AAM is also encouraging both individuals and organisations to make representations to the Foreign Secretary, Rt Hon Douglas Hurd MP (*Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Downing St, London SW1A 2AL*) MPs, MEPs and others, as they may judge appropriate, indicating their support for it.

Manifesto Endorsement Form

● I endorse the Anti-Apartheid Movement's Ten Point Manifesto for Free & Fair Elections in South Africa.

Name _____

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