

BLACK RENAISSANCE CONVENTION  
St. Peter's Conference Centre, Hammanskraal  
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DECLARATION

Section A

We, the Black People of South Africa, meeting at the Black Renaissance Convention in December 1974, declare that:

- i. We condemn and so reject separate development policy and all its institutions.
- ii. We reject all forms of racism and discrimination.

Section B

We dedicate ourselves towards striving for:

- i. A totally united and democratic South Africa, free from all forms of oppression and exploitation.
- ii. A society in which all people participate fully in the Government of the country through the medium of one man, one vote.  
  
society in which there is an equitable distribution of wealth.
- iv. An anti-racist society.

Section C (Draft proposal)

We call upon our people and all their organizations to organise their efforts towards securing the release of all political prisoners, detainees and banned people.

Section D

RESOLUTIONS

This Convention:

- i) Declares that legalised racism in South Africa is a threat to world peace and therefore call upon all the countries of the world to withdraw all cultural, educational, economic, manpower and military support to the existing racist Government and all its racist institutions.
- ii) Expresses its shock and dismay at the expropriation of the Federal Theological Seminary in Alice and calls upon the Black Community to fight for the continued survival of this institution.
- iii) Acknowledge that it is not the first to convene a meeting of Black people and it states firmly that it wishes to continue on the efforts that have taken place in the past.

This Convention noting that:

1. The great majority of Black people are workers
2. besides being discriminated against, the workers also suffer the most blatant forms of exploitation,
3. the wages that workers receive is far below the bread line and they are therefore frustrated in the attempt to use their bargaining power, therefore resolves that:
  - a) the Government immediately recognise African Trade Unions;
  - b) that the need for workers to organise themselves into trade unions free from Government interference.

This 3 day national conference of the Black Renaissance Convention held under the auspices of various religious, cultural and political bodies has ended in a massive vote of Black Solidarity.