

## WORKING PRINCIPLES

### 1. NAME

The name of this front is the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

### 2. COMPOSITION

The UDF shall consist in the first instance of regional formation, the boundaries of which are to be determined by the National Executive Committee in consultation with regional councils or by the National General Council from time to time.

### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 To oppose the Constitution and Koornhof Bills as decided at the first national conference held in Cape Town on 20 August 1983 and any future conference,

3.2 To develop the maximum possible participation in the front,

3.3 To encourage and assist democratic and full participation in the UDF.

### 4. POWERS

4.1 The UDF shall have all the powers necessary and desirable to achieve its aims and objectives. These will include the power to

- a) collect subscriptions from members
- b) receive money from any person and to undertake to perform any work or do anything in return for such payment provided
- c) issue publications
- d) establish such branches as may be necessary from time to time
- e) approach such organisations as it deems desirable for support or affiliation.

### 5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 All organisations present at the first national conference otherwise than as observers, shall be members of the UDF subject to

5.1.1 their right of withdrawal

5.1.2 review by the National Executive Committee in consultation with regional councils or by the National General Council from time to time

5.2 All organisations which are prepared to commit themselves to the declaration policy and to the programme of action will be eligible to make an application for affiliation through the regional councils.

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5.3 In terms of membership of national organisations which are not members of regional committees shall be decided from time to time by National Executive Committee in consultation with regional councils.

## 6. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

6.1 All regional formations and member organisations shall have complete independence within the umbrella of the United Democratic Front, provided that actions and policies of ~~organisations~~ members are not inconsistent with the policy of the UDF.

6.2 The National Executive Committee in consultation with regional councils will decide whether or not any inconsistencies exist.

## 7. STRUCTURE

The Front shall comprise

7.1 Patrons. The number to be determined by National General Council.

7.2 Regional formations consisting of

7.2.1 an executive committee, and

7.2.3 a general council

7.3 National General Council (N.G.C.)

7.4 National Executive Committee (N.E.C.)

## 8. NATIONAL GENERAL COUNCIL (N.G.C.)

8.1 The N.G.C. will comprise all affiliated organisations and regions.

8.2 The N.G.C. shall meet as and when necessary but at least once a year

8.3 Voting rights and representation at any conference or meeting of the N.G.C. shall be determined by the National Executive Committee in consultation with the regional councils before the meeting or conference.

8.4 The N.G.C. will be the supreme body of the UDF.

## 9. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.1 The N.E.C. shall comprise

9.1.1 The Presidency consisting of three Presidents

9.1.2 An executive chairperson appointed by the N.E.C. from time to time.

9.1.3 Two vice-presidents appointed by each duly constituted region

9.1.4 The two secretaries of each constituted region

9.1.5 Two executive members elected by each constitutes region

9.1.6 Two national treasurers.

9.2 The N.E.C. will have the power to co-opt persons in its discretion from regions which are not yet duly constituted, or any other person likely to make a significant contribution to its functions.

9.3 The N.E.C. shall carry out the policy and programme of the UDF as determined by the N.G.C. from time to time.

9.4 The decisions of the N.E.C. shall be carried out by the secretariat which will comprise two secretaries from each region.

10 FINANCE:

10.1 The UDF shall be empowered to open a banking account at a bank or building society.

10.2 All cheques shall be signed by one of the treasurers and two other members of the executive committee.

11. OFFICERS

11.1 The UDF shall employ

11.1.1 A general-secretary

11.1.2 A publicity secretary

11.2 The general-secretary and publicity secretary shall be members of the National Executive Committee.