

AMENDED WORKING PRINCIPLES

NAME

The name of the front shall be the UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT (the UDF).

COMPOSITION

The UDF shall consist in the first instance of regional formations, 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.

OBJECTS

The UDF shall strive towards the realization of a non-racial, democratic and unfragmented South Africa and towards this end shall:

- 3.1. articulate opposition to the legislative programme of the government in so far as such programme conflicts with democratic principles.
- 3.2. act as a co-ordinating body for progressive community, social, educational political and other such organisations which subscribe to democratic principles.
- 3.3. articulate the social and political aspirations of the affiliates of UDF and their members.
- 3.4. engage in appropriate actions and undertake appropriate programmes in pursuit of the above.
- 3.5. encourage and assist democratic and full participation in the UDF.

POWERS

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

- 4.1. borrow or raise money or funds.
- 4.2. receive money from any person and to undertake to perform any work or do anything in return for such payment provided.
- 4.3. issue publications.
- 4.4. establish such ^{branches} branches as may be necessary from time to time.
- 4.5. institute and defend legal proceedings in the name of the UDF and in the case of regions, in the name of the particular region and any two officials of UDF or the region as the case may be or can be authorised to any such legal documents.
- 4.6. do any such further acts as may be necessary to achieve its objects and carry out its resolutions.
- 4.7. engage and discharge employees and to set their terms and conditions of employment.
- 4.8. all or any powers can be delegated to any unit, committee or officials of the UDF by the NEC.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1. All organisations present at the inaugural conference of the UDF on 20 August 1983 otherwise than as observers, shall be members of an appropriate Regional General Council, unless they decline such membership.
- 5.2. All organisations of a community, social, sporting, religious, educational political or similar nature which subscribe to the objects of the UDF may apply for affiliate membership of one or more of the Regional General Councils of the UDF, provided that
- 5.2.1 A prospective affiliate must operate and have members of its own in the geographic area of the Regional General Council in respect of which it seeks membership;
- 5.2.2 Admission, suspension and expulsion of members shall be at the discretion of the Regional General Councils with jurisdiction, subject to the overriding powers of the National General Council to change any decision of a Regional General Council in this regard.

6. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 All regional formations and member organisations shall have complete independence within the umbrella of the UDF, provided that actions and policies of 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 inconsistency exists.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1. The UDF shall be empowered to open a banking account at a bank or building society.
- 7.2. All cheques shall be signed by the treasurer and one of two other members of the NEC duly appointed by the NEC.

8. STRUCTURE - OFFICIALS

- 8.1. Patrons
The NEC shall nominate Patrons of the UDF.

8.2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.2.1 The National Executive Committee (NEC) shall consist of a PRESIDENT VICE - PRESIDENT; GENERAL SECRETARY; PUBLICITY SECRETARY; TREASURER; NATIONAL ORGANISER; one secretary one additional member from each structured region. The officials shall be elected at the NATIONAL GENERAL COUNCIL, representatives from regions shall be annually appointed by the regional councils.

8.2.2 The NEC shall have the power to co-opt persons in its discretion from regions which are not duly constituted.

8.2.3 The NEC shall carry out the policy and programme of the UDF as determined by the NGC from time to time.

8.2.4 The NEC shall meet at least once a quarter.

8.3. NATIONAL SECRETARY

8.3.1 The national secretariat shall consist of the GENERAL SECRETARY, the PUBLICITY SECRETARY, NATIONAL ORGANISER, ONE TREASURER and SECRETARY per region.

8.3.2 The National secretariat shall act as the administrative and co-ordinating arm of the NEC.

8.4. NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE

8.4.1 A national working committee (NWC) shall be established comprising of the NEC plus two additional members from each structured region.

8.4.2 The NWC shall be convened at least twice a year by the NEC to decide on policy matters and to facilitate national co-ordination.

8.5. NATIONAL GENERAL COUNCIL

8.5.1 The NGC shall convene a biennial general meeting every two years at the time determined by the NEC.

8.5.2 The NEC shall determine in what way proceedings at the NGC shall be conducted. The chair-person of the NGC shall be appointed by the NEC on an ad-hoc basis.

8.5.3 The NGC shall comprise of delegations from the regional general councils. The number of delegates shall be determined by the NEC,

8.6 REGIONAL GENERAL COUNCIL

8.6.1 A RGC shall comprise of affiliates which have individual members in a particular region, such regions shall be determined by the NEC from time to time-

8.6.2 The RGC shall convene an AGM for the purposes of electing an REC.

8.6.3 The RGC shall meet atleast once a quarter.

8.6.4 Every region shall adopt subsidiary working principles which govern the functioning of the UDF in such a region

DECISION MAKING

9.1 Consensus should be sought in all instances, failing which decisions shall be by majority vote.

9.2 The NGC shall be the supreme body of the UDF.

9.3 The NEC shall co-ordinate decisions between NGC'S.

9.4 Should a dispute arise between a decision of the NEC and an RGC, the decision of the NEC shall prevail.

9.5 In the event of emergencies, a committee comprising of a President, Officers and a Treasurer (or others appointed by the NEC) shall be accorded powers of decision making.

DISSOLUTION

10.1 If for any reason the UDF is unable to function and there are no reasonable prospects of it being able to do so in the near future, or if two - thirds of the votes of the delegates to the NGC are in favour of a resolution that the UDF should be dissolved, then the UDF shall be dissolved.

10.2 In such event, the NEC shall appoint a liquidator to wind up the affairs of the UDF. The liquidator shall have all the powers necessary for the discharge of its duties.

- 10.3 In the event of dissolution, the liquidated assets of the UDF shall not be distributed to any members of the UDF being natural persons, but shall be distributed to an organisation or organisations, selected by the NEC, which pursues or pursue objects similar to those of the UDF.

11. AMENDMENTS

- 11.1 These working principles may be altered if two thirds of delegates to the NGC are in favour of amendment.
- 11-2 The resolutions of the NEC shall, upon agreement with REC's supersede the working principles.