

BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION

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The ADHOC Committee of the Black Peoples' Convention, elected at the, then National Organisations' Conference held at the Y.M.C.A. (D.O.C.C.) Orlando, Johannesburg, from the 17th - 19th December, 1971, for the organisation and calling of a "BLACK PEOPLES' NATIONAL CONVENTION" - with a view to establishing a Black Peoples' Political Movement under the banner of Black Consciousness hereby state that :-

1. It is the inalienable birthright of any community to have a political voice to articulate and realise the aspirations of members.
2. In this our Country, Africans, Coloureds and Indians comprise the Black Community which has been deprived of this inalienable right; and for too long there has been a political vacuum in the Black Community.
3. False impressions have been created that it is illegal and unlawful for Blacks to found political movements and to engage in political activity unless such activity has been created or prescribed by, and approved of by White society and its governments.
4. The ADHOC committee are therefore working towards the formation of a Black Peoples' political movement whose primary aim is to unite and solidify Black people with a view to liberating and emancipating them from both psychological oppression.
5. Our interests therefore lie within the Black community and our sole aim will be directed towards realising its needs, which needs coincide with those of all Black people throughout the world.

It is, therefore, essential and imperative that all Black people individuals and organisations, should pull their resources together in order to achieve their aspiration. Their future destiny and ultimate happiness is in their hands.

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