

MINORITY FRONT



Constitution

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CONSTITUTION OF THE "MINORITY FRONT"

1. NAME

The name of the Party shall be the "Minority Front".

2. AIMS OF THE PARTY

Whereas the Minority Front is a Political Party in the Republic of South Africa, unaffiliated to any other political party, and whereas the Minority Front is dedicated to:

- (1) Promoting and advancing the dignity, right, socio-economic status and the cultural well-being of all South Africans in such a manner that the rights of the minorities be not in any manner whatsoever be infringed upon.
- (2) Acknowledge that God is the ultimate authority of all nations.
- (3) Rejecting all forms of totalitarianism as immoral in theory and predoomed in practice.
- (4) Opposing all forms of racial and other discrimination which undermine the civil liberty and social justice of the individual.
- (5) To the belief that the right of the individual is paramount, and the State exists to serve the individual.
- (6) The attainment of equal and full citizenship of all South Africans, without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, colour or religion and to ensure that no one is discriminated because he or she belongs to any minority group.
- (7) Support the rule of just law.
- (8) Ensuring that minorities are protected in theory as well as in practice.
- (9) The sharing of political rights by all citizens without the domination of one group by another.
- (10) Ensuring the participation of minorities in all levels of Government.
- (11) To work tirelessly towards a national economy based on full production and equal opportunity for all the people in the Republic.
- (12) Advocate a free national educational system devised to

enable students of all races equal opportunity of receiving the highest specialised training.

- (13) To work towards an open society free from statutory apartheid.
- (14) To work constantly for and friendly relationship between all the racial groups in the country.
- (15) Attain equality of opportunity for all citizens in the economy.

3. OBJECTS OF THE PARTY

- (a) To organise and maintain a political party in South Africa.
- (b) To raise the status of all workers in the country by working for:-
 - 1. Minimum basic wages at civilised level.
 - 2. Working conditions at accepted civilised level.
 - 3. Equal pension, sick benefits, etc.
 - 4. Equal and compulsory education for all according to age, aptitude and ability.
 - 5. Provision of housing for all at affordable level.
 - 6. Equal opportunity for all people in all spheres of life, in accordance with their ability.
- (c) To strive for the effective participation of minorities also in the Government of the country, by participating in Parliament and other statutory institutions.
- (d) To ensure that no one is discriminated on the grounds of his race.
- (e) To ensure that, in any political arrangement, all sections of the population are treated fairly and justly, so that the rights of all the groups are protected.
- (f) To ensure that all the people maintain and develop their religion, language and cultural heritage.
- (g) To promote the above aims as the Party from time to time decide, provided that only such methods be employed that are peaceful, constitutional and legal by South African law.

4. COLOUR

The colour of the Party shall be royal blue, signal red and green on a white background.

5. POLICY

The policy of the Party shall be as laid down by the National Conference or the National Executive Committee.

6. HEAD OFFICE

The Head Office of the Party shall be situated as decided by the National Executive Committee from time to time.

7. EMBLEM

The emblem shall be as decided by the National Executive Committee.

8. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person, irrespective of sex, race, religion, colour or creed, who has attained the age of eighteen years, is a citizen of South Africa, subscribes to the Principles and aims of the Party, agrees to abide by the Constitution of the Party, may on written application, be admitted as a member.
- (b) Membership of the Party shall be open to individuals only.
- (c) No one shall be admitted as a member of the Party, who is a member of another Political Party.
- (d) The Regional Committee or the National Executive Committee has the right to grant or refuse membership to any applicant and is not obliged to give reasons for doing so.
- (e) If no branch exists in an area the Regional Committee will have the right to grant or refuse membership of the Party.
- (f) The National Executive Committee may at any time grant, refuse, suspend or terminate the membership of any person.
- (g) Any person whose application for membership has been refused at branch or regional levels has the right to appeal to the National Executive Committee and the decision of the National Executive Committee shall be final.
- (h) A member ceases to be member when he or she:
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2. When his or her membership is suspended or terminated.
3. When he stands as candidate for another Party in any Parliamentary or election for any other statutory body unless an arrangement is made with the Party by way of bilateral arrangements.
4. A member becomes a member of a branch in the area where he or she resides or the nearest branch to his or her place of residence.
5. No member can become a member for more than one branch.
6. If circumstances warrants it a person can become a member of any branch if agreed to by either the Regional Committee or the National Executive Committee.
7. Every member shall be issued with a membership card on the payment of the entrance fee as determined by the National Executive Committee from time to time.

9. BRANCHES

- (a) A branch shall consist of not less than 20 members.
- (b) All branches shall be affiliated to the Region as determined by the National Executive Committee.
- (c) The Regional Committee shall have the power to create sub-regions.
- (d) The Regional demarcation shall be determined by the National Executive Committee.
- (e) Each branch shall elect, at an Annual General Meeting, A Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, a Secretary and other members to the Branch Executive Committee.
- (f) Rules of procedure for the branches shall be determined by the Regional Committee on a standard basis.
- (g) The Branch Committee shall promote the interests of the Party in its area, implement directives from the Regional Committee or higher formations of the Party.
- (h) Each branch shall be represented in the Regional Committee by delegates in terms of a formula that shall be determined by the National Executive Committee of the Party.

10. REGIONS

- (1) The National Executive Committee shall determine the boundaries of each Regional Committee.

- (2) Each Regional Committee shall have:
- a. A Regional Chairman
 - b. A Regional Vice-Chairman
 - c. A Regional Secretary
 - d. A Regional Treasurer
 - e. Members of Parliament or the Regional Parliament residing in the area of the jurisdiction of the Region.
 - f. Members of the National Executive Committee residing in the region.
 - g. Representative of each branch within the Region in proportion to the numbers of members in that branch, the proportion being determined by the National Executive Committee from time to time.
 - h. Four members of the Youth Movement of the party within the regions.
 - i. Any additional members who are co-opted by the Regional Committee.
 - j. The Regional Committee shall meet at least once every month.
 - k. The Regional Committee shall implement within its region the directives of the higher structures of the Party, supervise and direct the activities of the Party, within its region, levy annual subscriptions and supervise the activities of all full-time and part-time employees of the Party within the Region.

11. NATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. The National Conference or the National Executive Committee shall be the supreme policy making and governing body of the Party and the National Conference shall meet at least once every two years.
2. The National Conference or the National Executive Committee shall have the authority to take all decisions relating to the National Conference, including the date, venue and the agenda.
3. The National Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the National Conference.
4. Delegates to the National Conference shall be from the regions as determined by the National Executive Committee from time to time.
5. The National Conference shall comprise of:
 - (a) The Leader
 - (b) National Chairman
 - (c) National Deputy Leader
 - (d) National Vice-Chairman
 - (e) Chairman of the National Executive Committee

- (f) National Secretary
- (g) National Treasurer
- (h) All members of the National and Regional Parliaments
- (i) All Regional Chairpersons
- (j) Six members of the Youth Movements from each region.

6. All National Officials shall be elected at the National Conference.

12. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) When the National Conference is not in session the policy making body of the Party shall be the National Executive Committee of the Party.

(b) The National Executive Committee shall comprise:

1. All the National Officials.
2. All the Regional Chairpersons.
3. All the Members of the National and Regional Parliaments.
4. Members from each region in the proportion that would be determined by the National Executive Committee from time to time.

(c) The National Executive Committee shall meet at least once every month.

(d) The National Executive Committee shall have the power to:-

1. Make rules and regulations for the selection of candidates for elections.
2. Make rules for the region and branches.
3. Quorums for the meetings of all the formations of the Party.
4. To controll all the activities of the Party.

13. VOTING

Voting at meetings of formations of the Party shall be by way of show of hands, unless not less than 20% of the members present shall decide to vote by secret ballot.

14. SENIOR OFFICERS

(a) The Leader shall, if he is a member of Parliament, act as Leader of the Party in Parliament and may, when the National

Conference is not in session, interpret the policy of the Party. The Leader of the Party shall be elected by the National Conference.

- (b) The National Chairman shall, with the concurrence of the National Executive Committee, organise and preside at the National Conference and shall preside at the National functions held by the Party in public.
- (c) The Chairman of the National Executive Committee, save when the National Conference is not in session, make decisions on organisations.
- (d) The Leader of the Party, National Chairperson, National Vice-Chairperson, Chairman of the National Executive Committee, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer shall, ex officio, be members of the Regional Executive and the Regional Committees.

15. PROPERTY

The Party may sell, purchase, hire, lease, mortgage, pledge or in any other way alienate or deal with both movable and immovable property acquired by the Party shall be registered in its own name or, in the event of any law requiring it to be registered in the name of a trustee on behalf of the Party, in the names of one or more trustees appointed for that purpose by the National Executive Committee, which may re-appoint such trustees or fill the vacancy.

16. LEGAL PERSONALITY AND PROCEEDINGS

The Party shall be a corporate body under the common law, with universal succession shall sue or be sued in its own name, and service shall, subject to legal rules, be issued and received by the Chairman of the National Executive Committee at the Head Office of the Party.

17. CONTROL OF FUNDS

The Party may raise funds for its development, election or any other use.

All monies shall be deposited into a bank account, to be determined by the National Executive Committee of the party.

The signatories of all cheques shall be determined, also, by the National Executive Committee.

18. AMENDMENT, MERGER, DISSOLUTION

The National Conference may amend this constitution, or merge or dissolve the Party and consequently dispose of its assets, by vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at that particular sitting, provided that notice of such proposal shall have been given not less than one month before that session of the National Conference.

19. TITLE

This is called the Constitution and Ruling of the "MINORITY FRONT".