

## **"South Africa belongs to all who live in it - black and white".**

This is the commitment of the Freedom Charter; the commitment of an organisation that, for many many years, struggled for the realisation of this dream.

Now, as we move towards the first democratic elections that have ever been held in this country, we have an opportunity to begin to build that dream. To create, out of our divided, impoverished and wartorn society, a land which will truly belong to all our people.

As we make this journey, however, there are many questions that people are asking the ANC. Many questions that a fearful public, deprived of the balanced viewpoint of a democratic society, are still demanding answers to.

We have tried to answer some of these questions. To address some of the fears and anxieties; as well as providing some often requested information on the ANC.

### **The ANC is committed to a democratic South Africa.**

The ANC believes that democracy begins with an election in which every adult, freely and without hindrance or intimidation, votes for the government of his or her choice.

Only once this government is in place can the process of building a democratic culture truly begin. This is the beginning of freedom, but it is also the beginning of responsibility. Because we, in the ANC, believe that a working democracy requires the vigilance and active participation of all sectors of society.

### **The ANC is committed to a peaceful South Africa**

The ANC is committed to peace based in a genuine unity of interests amongst all South Africans.

All democrats are united in the knowledge that violence, in so fragile a political climate, may result in the end of all our hopes and dreams.

The answer to the present spiral of violence must lie in the joint control of our armed forces and adequate monitoring in all communities. So-called "third force" violence and destabilisation must be wiped out, once and for all and conflict must be dealt with in an atmosphere where law enforcement commands the respect of the communities concerned.

### **The ANC is committed to a non-racial South Africa**

Non-racialism means that every individual in South Africa enjoys equal rights. In a society based on inequality, much work needs to be done to ensure equality of opportunity and access to the economy, the land and essential services.

The excessive privilege of an apartheid society can no longer be allowed to exist; nor can the excessive poverty. But, only by granting an equal opportunity to all our people, can we hope to enrich our society - morally and materially - in the future.

### **The ANC is committed to a non-sexist South Africa**

The ANC is committed to the full emancipation of women. Under an ANC government, women shall have equal rights in all spheres of public and private life.

Traditionally disadvantaged - in the home and in the workplace - the ANC's philosophy of affirmative action will play a critical role in ensuring that women play their roles as full citizens and active participants in the new society.