

Where does the ANC stand?

Transitional Authority: Interim Government of national unity

Constitution-making: Elected Constituent Assembly

International community: At least, monitoring and supervision

Time frame: Not more than six months for APC and 18 months for Interim Government.

Constitutional Principles: (Refer OAU Harare Declaration)

- South Africa shall become a united, democratic and non-racial state;
- All its citizens shall enjoy common and equal citizenship and nationality, regardless of race, colour, sex, or creed;
- All its people shall have the right to participate in the government and administration of the country on the basis of universal suffrage, exercised through one-person, one-vote, under a common voters' roll;
- All people have the right to form and join any political party of their choice, provided that this is not in furtherance of racism;
- All shall enjoy universally recognised human rights, freedoms and civil liberties, protected under an entrenched Bill of Rights;
- South Africa shall have a new legal system which shall guarantee equality before the law;
- South Africa shall have an independent and non-racial judiciary;
- There shall be created an economic order which shall promote and advance the well-being of all South Africans;
- A democratic South Africa shall respect the rights, sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries and pursue a policy of peace, friendship and mutually beneficial co-operation with all peoples. ◆

Broad Patriotic Front and All-Party Congress

As *MAYIBUYE* went to press final preparations were being made for the Patriotic Front Conference, scheduled for 25-27 October in Durban. About 85 political, civic, professional, religious, sports, business and other bodies have been invited.

Azapo – which had been drawn into the convening com-

mittee made up of the ANC and the PAC – withdrew from the committee after it refused to retract its unilateral letter challenging the participation of organisations in government structures.

The Patriotic Front Conference is one of the major milestones in South Africa's history. Various political forces, from the



liberation movement to homeland and tri-cameral parties aim to harmonise their views on the transition and the broad principles to underpin a future constitution. The participants who in principle support a Constituent Assembly will also address such questions as violence and an internal and international programme of action.

In consultation with at least the PAC, Democratic Party and Azapo, the ANC has identified many areas of agreement regarding the All-Party Congress/Pre-Constituent Assembly Conference and Interim Government/ Transitional Authority. It is hoped that as the process unfolds, the various organisations will reach consensus on other issues.

CO-OPERATION

Co-operation among the constituent organisations will be based on:

- joint actions around issues agree upon;
- sovereignty and independence of the organisations;
- co-operation among those forces within the front who agree on issues other than front policy; and
- co-operation with forces outside the front on programmes that advance the transition.

By uniting anti-apartheid forces on a common platform, the patriotic front conference will facilitate the whole process of transition. It will certainly weaken those forces which want to maintain the status quo. ◆