

The Freedom Charter

*Adopted at the Congress of the People,
Kliptown, on 26 June 1955*

*We, the People of South Africa, declare for all
our country and the world to know:*

*that South Africa belongs to all who live in it,
black and white, and that no government can
justly claim authority unless it is based on the
will of all the people;*

*that our people have been robbed of their
birthright to land, liberty and peace by a
form of government founded on injustice and
inequality;*

*that our country will never be prosperous or
free until all our people live in brotherhood,
enjoying equal rights and opportunities;*

*that only a democratic state, based on the
will of all the people, can secure to all their
birthright without distinction of colour, race,
sex or belief;*

*And therefore, we, the people of South Africa,
black and white together equals, countrymen
and brothers adopt this Freedom Charter;*

*And we pledge ourselves to strive together,
sparing neither strength nor courage, until
the democratic changes here set out have
been won.*



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