

Extracts from Revised SWAPO Constitution

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Definition

SWAPO is a national liberation movement rallying together, on the basis of free and voluntary association, all freedom-inspired sons and daughters of the Namibian people. It is the organized political vanguard of the oppressed and exploited people of Namibia. In fulfilling its vanguard role, SWAPO organizes, unites, inspires, orients and leads the broad masses of working Namibian people in the struggle for national and social liberation. It is thus the expression and embodiment of national unity, of a whole people united and organized in the struggle for total independence and social liberation.

Aims and Objectives

A. Preamble

- 1) Whereas Namibia is still under foreign domination;
- 2) Whereas the Namibian people's inalienable and imprescriptible right to self-determination and national independence is denied;
- 3) Whereas the occupying colonial power persists in its refusal to unconditionally withdraw all its repressive military and police forces and its administration from Namibia;
- 4) Whereas the occupying regime persists in its efforts to consolidate its illegal occupation by intensified repression and the fragmentation of Namibia into bantustans; and
- 5) Whereas the regime continues to disregard the Namibian people's deep yearning for freedom;

B. Now, Therefore Do Declare the Basic Aims and Objectives of SWAPO as Follow:

- 1) To fight relentlessly for the immediate and total liberation of Namibia from colonial and imperialist occupation;
- 2) To unite all the people of Namibia, irrespective of race, religion, sex or ethnic origin, into a cohesive, representative, national political entity;

- 3) To foster a spirit of national consciousness or a sense of common purpose and collective destiny among the people of Namibia;
- 4) To combat all reactionary tendencies of individualism, tribalism, racism, sexism and regionalism;
- 5) To cooperate to the fullest extent with all the genuine national liberation movements, organizations and individuals throughout the world towards complete elimination of the colonial system of imperialism;
- 6) To establish in Namibia a democratic and secular government founded upon the will and participation of all the Namibian people;
- 7) To ensure that the people's government exercises effective control over the means of production and distribution and pursues a policy which facilitates the way to social ownership of all the resources of the country;
- 8) To work towards the creation of a non-exploitative and non-oppressive classless society;
- 9) To ensure that a people's government in an independent Namibia cooperates with other states in Africa in bringing about African unity;
- 10) To see that the people's government works in close cooperation with all peace-loving states towards world peace and security.

Membership

Membership of SWAPO shall be open to every Namibian who accepts the aims and objectives as set out above.