

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TENTH UNITED NATIONAL  
INDEPENDENCE PARTY NATIONAL COUNCIL HELD  
AT MULUNGUSHI HALL FROM 27TH TO 30TH JUNE,  
1977

PREAMBLE:

The 10th National Council of the Mighty United National Independence Party Meeting at Mulungushi Hall, Lusaka, from the 27th to the 30th June, 1977, wishes in the first place to record its profound appreciation to His Excellency the President, Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda for delivering two most thought-provoking, a soul searching and frank speeches to this Council.

Meeting at a time when the Zambian Humanist Revolution is beginning to take firm root and direction in the minds of our people, and taking cognizance of His Excellency's dynamic and open (second) speech to this Council on 28th June, 1977, the Council solemnly endorses His Excellency's appeal for a thorough, moral and spiritual self-inspection on the part of each and every leader in the country.

The Council further expresses the hope that this Council Session will form a permanent dividing line between our hitherto misguided practices and tendencies and our conformity with the Party's aims and objectives from now on.

Meeting at a time when the nation continues to face unprovoked military aggression from the oppressive and racist regimes in Rhodesia and South Africa, the Council wishes to pay tribute to the members of our national defence and security forces for the vigilant and patriotic manner in which they have carried out their duties in helping to ensure the independence, peace, stability and territorial integrity of our nation.

The Council wishes our beloved President long life and continued good health in order that he may continue to inspire and guide this nation as we strive to build a Humanist Zambia.



2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PAST RESOLUTIONS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMMES.

A. The Council endorses His Excellency the President's strong criticism of the failure by some Party and Government leaders to implement some Party policies and programmes and ascribed this failure to ideological resistance to change. Thus it observes that although Party policies on most issues are well known and well articulated, some leaders have expounded ideas and opinions which are in direct conflict with these policies and this has tended to mislead the masses.

The Council further notes that part of our failure in this regard could be attributed to the fact that numerous decisions have been handed down to the grassroot level without proper and detailed assessment and planning for implementation.

The Council, therefore, resolves that:-

- (i) henceforth, disciplinary action be taken against any leader who expounds views which are contrary to declared Party policies and objectives;
- (ii) responsible Party and Government authorities take appropriate and timely action on each decision once it is made;
- (iii) comprehensive action sheets detailing what is to be done and who is to be the executioner should be issued prior to implementation of a decision and follow-up action should be initiated accordingly;
- (iv) His Honour the Secretary-General should continue to reflect in his reports action taken or indicate progress made in the implementation of Council resolutions;

B. The Council further accepts the challenge His Excellency the President has thrown to the National Council to assess what action this nation has taken on past National Council Resolutions. Realising the magnitude of this task, the Council resolves that:-



the matter be referred to the offices of His Honour the Secretary-General of the Party and the Right Honourable Prime Minister to evaluate what has been done. In the case of the resolutions which have not been implemented, full reasons should be given by these two offices as to why action has not been taken and their reports should be fully debated upon at subsequent Council Meetings.

2. ECONOMIC REFORMS:-

The Council notes with concern the acute ideological problem due to doubtful acceptance by a small section of the leadership of the Philosophy of Humanism, in which atmosphere the reforms are meant to operate, and further observes that:-

- (i) there is absence of motivation through Humanism as opposed to such motivating principles as individual profit and fringe benefits which are offshoots of capitalism and imperialism, and consequently that take off from capitalism to socialism and hence to Humanism is made complicated and the reforms therefore reflect poor economic results;
- (ii) Some Managements and indeed some of the workers generally have shown total disregard for honesty and integrity and as a result pilfering and thefts involving colossal amounts of public funds which have found their way out of the parastatal bodies into private pockets; this is an offspring of the lavish consumption patterns adopted by some people;
- (iii) there is a lot of misplacement of personnel, sometimes vividly related to tribal affiliation as against merit and quite often persons not properly acquainted with operations in particular spheres find themselves always learning the art of the trade as they do not stay long enough in their assignments, and in some cases lack the basic skills that are demanded of them in such appointments.

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The Council, therefore resolves that:-

- (i) The Government should continue in its programmes to train local technical and administrative manpower especially in mines in order to speed up the Zambianization programme in the mining industry;
- (ii) those appointed to run our economic enterprises must not only appear to be humanists but should be committed to the Philosophy of Humanism. Accordingly the appointing authority should ensure that the appointee is of the right ideological orientation and accepts the Party's aims and objectives. Orientation courses should be conducted for all workers in parastatal and other organisations;
- (iii) industrial schools should if and when funds permit, be established in all main work places to enhance workers' knowledge and skills in their respective fields of operation.

### 3. LOANS POLICY

The Council after examining in detail the present loan policies and observing that the present loan disbursement was based on the capitalist type of economy, resolves that:-

- (i) the policy on the issue of loans should be consistent with the general economic policy as defined in the Party Policy documents such as Humanism Parts 1 and II and UNIP policies for the Decade 1974 - 1984;
- (ii) the policy governing all financial institutions in the country be worked out so that state financial institutions are not placed at a disadvantage;
- (iii) lending institutions issue loans to cooperatives, village, school, police, prisons and armed forces production units and that necessary measures be worked out to eliminate all legal bottlenecks for the implementation of such a policy;



- (iv) Party and Government work out a loan policy that will take into consideration of what the private individual loanee would like to use the money for and upper limits of borrowing be set up:
- (v) the measure restricting loans to productive sectors of the economy and to cooperatives continue.

4. LEADERSHIP CODE:

This Council reaffirms its total support for the leadership code as a noble aspect of our Philosophy of Humanism.

Noting with concern the growing sense of insecurity among leaders and their families, who may face a bleak future when they cease to be leaders lose posts or elections or die after serving the Party faithfully, the Council urges the Central Committee, as a matter of urgency, to appoint a commission to:-

- (i) make a serious and immediate study of social security systems for leaders in other countries with a view to evolving a suitable social security system consonant with the realities and aspirations of the Zambian people;
- (ii) urgently collect the views of the people throughout the country and come with a security scheme, acceptable to the National Council, for immediate implementation.

5. ORIENTATION TO CONSUMPTION VERSUS ORIENTATION TO PRODUCTION

The Council observes that un co-ordinated planning of our industries in relation to the production of raw materials has been contributory to our presently being a more consumption - oriented nation than production oriented.

Recognizing that the establishment of Zambia's secondary industries depends largely on the exploitation of natural resources and in particular land, the Council resolves that:-



- (i) in order to speed up the agrarian revolution agricultural experts be adequately trained and provided in the countryside and Rural Reconstruction Centres;
- (ii) Rural Reconstruction Centres should be supplied with the right farming implements and marketing facilities for each centre established;
- (iii) a special Committee to review the operations of Rural Reconstruction programmes be instituted;
- (iv) where and when we have become self-sufficient in the production of raw materials this should be followed up by the establishment of appropriate secondary industries to make use of the raw materials and thereby locally produce some of the goods now imported in the country;
- (v) in order to assist farming Communities to increase their production, small industries, should be established in each district to produce basic equipment such as hoes and axes etc.

6. HIS HONOUR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Council applauds His Honour' the Secretary-General of the Party for the lucid Annual Report for the Year 1976 which he presented to the National Council on Monday, 27th June, 1977. The significant achievements of the Party must inspire us all to greater achievements in future. However, the Council endorses the concern expressed by His Honour the Secretary-General in his Report at some of the continuing weaknesses and shortcomings, for example, in the organisation and administration of the Party at regional, constituency, branch, section and village levels. There is great need to improve our performance here.

7. PROVINCIAL REPORTS:

The Council takes note of all Provincials Reports and observes that some of the issues and problems highlighted in these reports had been covered in His Honour's Annual Report. Accordingly, the Council resolves that:-



- (i) in future provincial Annual Reports should be sent to Freedom House well in advance in order to enable His Honour the Secretary-General of the Party to reflect details of such reports in his report instead of provincial Annual Reports being circulated to the Council members ~~separately~~; and
- (ii) Freedom House should prepare a standard format for provinces to follow when preparing their Annual Reports, so that Freedom House would follow with ease the achievements and failures of each and every province.

8. THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION

Lastly, the Council congratulates His Excellency the President, Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda, upon his recent successful state visits to Nine West European countries including the European Economic Community during which he enlightened these countries on the explosive situation obtaining in Southern Africa and called upon them to join those who are seeking to avert the impending catastrophe. The Council further congratulates His Excellency the President and his delegation on the significant role they played at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in London. As a consequence of these visits West European Countries cannot now plead any ignorance of the dangerous realities of Southern Africa should they continue to give sustenance to the minority and racist regimes in the region.

- (ii) The Council highly commends and fully supports His Excellency the President's consistent and untiring efforts and those of the other frontline Heads of State to find a just solution to the Southern African problems of independence under majority rule, for Zimbabwe and Namibia and the liquidation of apartheid and the emergence of majority rule in South Africa.



(iii) The Council strongly condemns the wanton acts of aggression being perpetrated by Ian Smith and his illegal regime in Zimbabwe against the sovereign states of Mozambique, Botswana and Zambia.

(iv) The Council salutes the heroic efforts and victories being scored daily by the Liberation Movements in their gallant struggles to annihilate the forces of imperialism, fascist domination and racist regimes in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa. In this connection the Council fully supports the stand of Zambia and the other frontline countries in their support for the Patriotic Front.

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