

The People Shall Govern!

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The ANC National Health Conference:

w Recognising that the health of our people will be determined primarily by improvements in their socio-economic conditions such as employment, proper housing, sanitation, education, nutrition and the provision of clean water, as well as by better health services, Resolves to adopt the following principles in the development of it; health policies:

1. There will be a unified National Health Service, with a single Department of Health with authority over all health resources. There will be central coordination, but administration will be decentralised to provincial and local levels.

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The National Health Service will be committed to a comprehensive primary health care approach and will subscribe to the principles of community accountability.

3. Essential health services will be free at the point of delivery.

4. Methods of providing additional funds for the public health services will be established. These may include a National Health Insurance Scheme and/or other forms of specific taxation, and ways of channeling funds from the private to the public health sector.

W. The private health sector will be regulated to ensure that scarce resources are not wasted.

. Equity will be encouraged by affirmative action to correct gender, race and urban-rural imbalance. Ways of attracting health workers from the private sector back to the public sector will be investigated and promoted.

5. More democratic principles will be introduced into the establishment and functioning of statutory professional bodies.

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The ANC National Health Con4erence:

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the closure 0% pubISC hospitalg

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and pggqueg to embark on a campaign to gain support 4or this

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