

# WE, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA,

RECOGNISE THE INJUSTICES OF OUR PAST;  
HONOUR THOSE WHO SUFFERED FOR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM IN OUR LAND;  
RESPECT THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED TO BUILD AND DEVELOP OUR COUNTRY;  
AND BELIEVE THAT SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN IT,  
**UNITED IN OUR DIVERSITY.**

WE THEREFORE, THROUGH OUR FREELY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPT  
THIS CONSTITUTION AS THE SUPREME LAW OF THE REPUBLIC SO AS TO-

**HEAL THE DIVISIONS OF THE PAST**  
AND ESTABLISH A SOCIETY BASED ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES,  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS;

**LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A**  
DEMOCRATIC AND OPEN SOCIETY IN WHICH GOV-  
ERNMENT IS BASED ON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE  
& EVERY CITIZEN IS EQUALLY PROTECTED BY LAW;

**IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE**  
OF ALL CITIZENS & FREE THE POTENTIAL OF EACH PERSON; &

**BUILD A UNITED AND DEMOCRATIC**  
SOUTH AFRICA ABLE TO TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE  
AS A SOVEREIGN STATE IN THE FAMILY OF NATIONS.

MAY GOD PROTECT OUR PEOPLE. NKOSI SIKELEL' IAFRIKA. MORENA  
BOLOKA SETJHABA SA HESO. GOD SEËN SUID-AFRIKA. GOD BLESS SOUTH  
AFRICA. MUDZIMU FHATUTSHEDZA AFURIKA. HOSI KATEKISA AFRIKA.