

MOZAMBIQUE
REVOLUTIONARY
COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION
AND
PROGRAMME

OUR
COUNTRY NOW OR DEATH!

COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE
MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE.

(C O R E M O)

- CONSTITUTION -

1. WHEREAS true DEMOCRACY needs to be established immediately in MOZAMBIQUE;
2. AND WHEREAS Africans must find concrete basis for effectively reversing the situation to ensure true democracy;
3. AND WHEREAS the United Nations, Declaration of Human Rights is being flouted in Mozambique and the Africans are deprived of the fundamental rights of man;
4. AND WHEREAS Portuguese authorities have shown complete indifference towards the United Nations itself, its declaration and resolutions adopted to ensure establishment of majority rule in all Portuguese colonies;
5. AND WHEREAS fertile land in Mozambique has been monopolised by the White Settlers;
6. AND WHEREAS African people of Mozambique have expressed their opposition to Portuguese authorities' declaration of Mozambique as an "OVERSEAS PROVINCE" of Portugal;
7. AND WHEREAS Mozambique's destiny and Political advancement must be forged by its people;
8. AND WHEREAS the problem of classes in Mozambique represents the ugliest form of colonial rule that must be ended;
9. AND WHEREAS the Recognition of and respect for human dignity are the basis of any decent society;
10. AND WHEREAS the situation in Mozambique demands the cry, "PATRIA OU MORTE - OUR COUNTRY OR DEATH;"

THE MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE DECLARES that it launches a strong and united call upon all true freedom-loving sons and daughters of Mozambique to come forward and wage a bitter fight, both Politically and Militarily, against the desperate and dwindling authority for the redemption of Mozambique from the imperialist yoke, for the salvation of our country and the complete taking back of our BELOVED COUNTRY.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the Party shall be "COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE" (MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE-COREMO) hereafter called a "COMMITTEE".

ARTICLE 2: HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of COREMO shall be in the Capital of Mozambique, approved by the people's Government.

ARTICLE 3: DEFINITION

COREMO shall be a Political/Military Organisation composed of all African people of Mozambique without discrimination of sex, ethnic, origin, religious belief, or otherwise and shall be prepared to fight uncompromisingly, vigorously and relentlessly against foreign domination and all vestiges of colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism.

ARTICLE 4: AIMS AND OBJECTS

The aims and objects of COREMO shall be:-

- a) To struggle ceaselessly and relentlessly for the establishment of true Independent and Democratic Government for the African people of Mozambique;
- b) To seize Political Power through the people's liberation Army and other progressive modes composed of all people of Mozambique and all other patriotic forces opposed to foreign domination;
- c) To promote and support worthy African customs and culture;
- d) To speed up complete up-rooting, the total liquidation of imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism perpetuated by Portugal in Mozambique.
- e) To maintain, protect understanding and unity among the people of Mozambique by removing individualism, tribalism, regionalism and discrimination;
- f) To mobilise world opinion against the denial of Political and fundamental human rights to the African People of Mozambique by the Portuguese and to co-operate with kindred organisations all over the world, to secure the observance of Human Rights in accordance with the United Nations Charter and to champion on the cause of the oppressed.

ARTICLE 5: IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS COREMO SHALL:-

1. Mobilise, organise, unite, train and educate Politically and Militarily all people of Mozambique and stimulate them to pick up arms to defend their God and land;
2. Appeal, proclaim and accept the necessity of the formation of compact alliance or unity with all the genuine REVOLUTIONARY forces of Mozambique and direct all available strength and energies to fight against the common enemy with condition that such alliance of unity shall be formed for real and just interest of the people of Mozambique;
3. Run and establish news letters, newspapers or magazines in order to advance the aims and objects of COREMO.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP

COREMO shall open membership to all Mozambicans wherever they may be who accept the constitution, the Policy and the Programme of COREMO and pledge themselves to execute daily activities of COREMO.

1. A person seeking to become a member of COREMO shall pay the sum of (in Portuguese currency):-
 - a) Men - Ten escudos (10\$00 = 2s.6d.) as entrance fee and four escudos (4\$00 = 1/-d.) as monthly subscription fee;
 - b) Women Eight escudos (8\$00 = 2/-d.) as entrance fee and two escudos (2\$00 = 6d.) as a monthly subscription fee;
 - c) Youths Four escudos (4\$00 = 1/-d.) as entrance fee and one escudo (1\$00 = 3d.) as a monthly subscription fee.

ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP BY AFFILIATION

COREMO may accept membership by affiliation from any section, body or organisation of Mozambique origin provided that:-

1. Any such Society, body or organisation shall believe in securing Political and National Freedom of Mozambique;
2. Any organisation applying for affiliation shall subscribe together with its Constitution to COREMO and the Central Committee shall consider such application.

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3. Any affiliated organisation shall be required to pay an entrance fee of four hundred escudos (400/00 = \$5.--.) and thereafter pay an annual subscription fee which shall be calculated according to the total membership of an organisation. This shall be one escudo (1/00 = 3d) for each member per month.

ARTICLE 8: STRUCTURE

The structure of COREMO shall be as follows:-

NATION - PROVINCE - DISTRICT - LOCALITY - HAMLET - SECTION.

ARTICLE 9: ORGANISATION

1. COREMO's organisational organs shall be as follows:-
SECTIONS, HAMLETS, LOCALITIES, DISTRICTS, PROVINCE AND NATION.
2. COREMO's activities shall be co-ordinated by routine and administration from COREMO's National Headquarters to the Provincial Headquarters to District officials, from District Headquarters to the Locality Officials, from Locality Headquarters to the Hamlet officials and from the Hamlet Officials to the Section.
 - a) The section shall be part of Hamlet and shall have a Section Leader.
 - b) The Hamlet shall be part of the Locality and shall have a Committee with a Chairman and other officials as may be regulated by the General Internal Regulations.
 - c) The LOCALITY shall be part of a DISTRICT and shall have a Committee with a Chairman and other officials as may be regulated by the General Internal Regulations.
 - d) The District shall be part of the Province and shall have a Committee with a Chairman and other officials as may be regulated by the General Internal Regulations.
 - e) The PROVINCE shall be part of the NATION and shall have a COMMITTEE with a Chairman and other officials as may be regulated by the General Internal Regulations.
3. There shall be a PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS and the POPULAR COMMITTEE and THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE at the level of the NATION.

ARTICLE 10: HEADQUARTER'S OFFICIALS

1. The officials of the NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS shall be:-
 - a) National President and Deputy National President;
 - b) National Secretary and Deputy National Secretary;
 - c) National Treasurer Secretary;
 - d) National Secretary for Defence and Security and Deputy Secretary for Defence and Security;
 - e) National Information Secretary and Deputy Information Secretary;
 - f) National Organising Secretary and Deputy Organising Secretary;
 - g) National Administrative Secretary;
 - h) National Secretary for Foreign Affairs;
 - i) National Secretary for Labour and Social Services;
 - j) National Secretary for Education and Culture.

All these shall be elected at the PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS and shall be members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of COREMO.

There shall be other staff at the National Headquarters level as may be decided and appointed by the President in co-ordination with the CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 11: DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. The National President shall perform the following duties:-
 - a) He shall be the principal officer of COREMO and shall preside over all meetings held at the Head Office level;
 - b) He shall have the power to give directions and advice to his junior officials in accordance with COREMO CONSTITUTION;
 - c) He shall have the power to exercise his discretion on certain matters which shall come up for business in any of COREMO's meetings and may decide the stopping or continuation of such business in accordance with COREMO's constitution and the advice of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
 - d) He shall be a National spokesman of COREMO;
 - e) He shall have power to call or arrange for any meeting in cases of emergency;

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- f) In consultation with the National and Provincial Headquarters he shall have powers of nominating or appointing any COREMO member to office of any co-ordination section of National Headquarters with the approval of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
 - g) He will as shall be approved by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE undertake to travel locally and abroad with one or two members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE for the purpose of furthering the principles and policies of COREMO;
 - h) In consultation with his COREMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE members, he shall have powers to accept or open negotiations with authorities based on COREMO's principles and objects;
 - i) He shall exercise collective powers and responsibility on the entire functions of COREMO;
 - j) He shall have a casting vote at any meetings presided by him.
2. Duties of other members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall be defined in the General Internal Regulations.

ARTICLE 12: CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- a) The CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall be composed of 15 Officials elected at a PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS;
- b) The National President shall preside over the CENTRAL COMMITTEE meetings;
- c) The quorum of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall be $\frac{2}{3}$ (two-thirds) membership, but at any such meeting of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE the National President or his Deputy and General Secretary will be present;
- d) In case of the absence of the National President and his Deputy, the National Secretary-General may preside over emergency cases only.

ARTICLE 13: POPULAR COMMITTEE

- a) The Popular Committee shall be COREMO's administrative and directive Committee, responsible for all functions of COREMO;
- b) It shall have the power to refer in special cases, to the CENTRAL COMMITTEE any irregularities considered detrimental to COREMO for action;

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- c) The Popular Committee shall consider recommendations and resolutions passed by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
- d) It shall have powers to dismiss, discharge or expel any member of CENTRAL COMMITTEE or officials provided that through the Disciplinary Committee and that such Member of CENTRAL COMMITTEE or officials have been proved to be of undesirable character to COREMO's policy;
- e) The Popular Committee shall require production of any report, document, materials or monies by short or long notice from any member of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE of COREMO for attention, provided that such an order or orders shall be in writing from the National Chairman or Secretary of the Popular Committee;
- f) It shall govern Provincial, District, Locality and Hamlet Committees by enforcing rules, regulations etc. in accordance with the Provisions of the Constitution;
- g) The Popular Committee shall meet at least once in every six (6) months, except in cases of emergency;
- h) The composition of the Popular Committee shall be:- all members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE, members of Provincial Committees and Heads of External Principal Missions. But representatives of affiliated bodies may be invited at the discretion of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE as full participants.

ARTICLE 14: PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS

- a) Except in cases of emergency a general annual Conference to be known as "PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS" shall be held once in every year on such a date and place as may be determined by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
- b) Delegates to the PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS shall be elected from all over the provinces;
- c) The PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS shall consider reports and any other matters referred to it by CENTRAL COMMITTEE and members of COREMO;
- d) The Constitution of COREMO shall be amended by the PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS only;
- e) Elections of all CENTRAL COMMITTEE Members shall be conducted at the PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS once in two (2) years but in cases of emergency a vote of non confidence to any member of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE may be conducted by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 15:

TERMS OF MANDATES

All office bearers of COREMO shall be appointed or re-appointed in the same electoral year as members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE i.e. after every two (2) years. Election shall begin from Hamlets up to the members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 16:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The structure of COREMO shall be strictly based on the principle of Democratic CENTRALISM and the methods of work of its organs shall be guided by the following principles:-

- a) UNITY OF ACTION.
- b) DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT.
- c) SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.
- d) COLLECTIVE SPIRIT.
- e) EXTREME VIGILANCE.
- f) SELF DEPENDENT AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.
- g) INNER PARTY CANDID, EQUITY CRITICISM AND AUTO-CRITICISM.

ARTICLE 17:

FINANCE

1. COREMO's funds shall be derived from:-
 - a) Individual entrance and subscription fees, appeals, donations and self-profits even from self reliance;
 - b) Affiliated bodies;
 - c) Grants or loans from any interested bodies or individuals within Mozambique or abroad;
 - d) Other sources and ways and means approved by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
2. All funds received by any organ of COREMO shall be reported to their respective Committees and sections during their meetings and shall be recorded in the minute-books;
3. There shall be a Financial Committee of five (5), elected at a special meeting of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE which shall have power to control the expenditure and assist in the raising of funds;
4. The funds of COREMO shall be banked in any Bank or Banks determined by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;
5. Five (5) members of the Financial Committee elected by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall be signatories to the Banking of COREMO's accounts and only three (3) of them may sign cheques for Banking or withdrawing;

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6. All Committees and Sections of COREMO shall have money approved by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE for use in their various departments;
7. COREMO's Accounts shall be audited by an independent qualified Auditor appointed by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE;

ARTICLE 18: OMISSIONS

1. Any cases of omissions to this Constitution shall be solved by order of competency:-
 - a) by the GENERAL INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF COREMO;
 - b) by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE FULL SESSION;
 - c) by the POPULAR COMMITTEE.
2. The GENERAL INTERNAL REGULATIONS shall elaborate in detail the functions of COREMO.
3. The GENERAL INTERNAL REGULATIONS shall be drafted by CENTRAL COMMITTEE and submitted to the POPULAR COMMITTEE for rectification.

ARTICLE 19: AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution shall be amended ONLY by the PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS.
2. Any amendments shall be submitted two months before the date of the ANNUAL PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS to the members of the CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
3. The Popular Committee may make recommendations to the PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS for amendment to this Constitution.

ARTICLE 20: DISSOLUTION

1. The Majority vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) at the Annual or Emergency PEOPLE'S GENERAL CONGRESS shall be required to dissolve the COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE (COREMO).
2. In case of the complete dissolution its funds and goods shall either be distributed to the peasants and the workers, or to charity in accordance with the urgent necessity.

ARTICLE 21: TRANSITIONAL MEASURE

1. COREMO shall be directed by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE composed of fifteen(15) members elected by not less than fifty (50) Mozambicans.
2. The CENTRAL COMMITTEE shall be empowered to direct the struggle for liberation of Mozambique in accordance with the prevailing situation both internally and externally.

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3. The Headquarters of COREMO shall be in Mozambique at any place approved by the CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
4. COREMO shall be represented internationally by External Principal Missions based in any friendly country.

ARTICLE 22:

MOTTO

The Official MOTTO of the COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE (COREMO) shall be:-

"PATRIA OU MORTE!"

"OUR COUNTRY OR DEATH!"

COMITE REVOLUCIONARIO DE MOZAMBIQUE
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P R O G R A M M E

1. To Unite and mobilise Mozambicans of all social classes residing in Mozambique and abroad, without discrimination of sex, ethnic, origin, religious belief and ideology, to fight together for the immediate and total liquidation of Portuguese colonialism and imperialism in all its forms and manifestation and to achieve the total National Independence of Mozambique.
2. To combat through ARMED STRUGGLE primary and accept other progressive methods for the accelerated extirpation of imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism perpetuated by Portugal in Mozambique.
3. To stimulate all patriotic forces such as Political; cultural unions, clan Chiefs organisations and other associations to form compact alliance to combat the Mozambique People's common enemy for the sake of the immediate POLITICAL FREEDOM OF OUR COUNTRY.
4. To fight together with all revolutionary forces in Southern Africa engaged in an anti-imperialist struggle for the sake of immediate eradication of imperialists' plots aimed at the creation of a WHITE SUPREMACY AREA in this part of Africa and to move towards the complete emancipation and unification of Africa.
5. To struggle together with the whole of Africa for the immediate eradication of all foreign domination Politically, economically, socially and culturally and achievement of the complete Political unification of Africa into ONE POWERFUL NATION.
6. To collaborate with all progressive forces and peace-loving countries in the whole world, to obtain sympathy and support of all peoples for the cause of the liberation of the Mozambican People.
7. To collaborate and co-ordinate with Asian and Latin American People and all progressive forces of the World engaged in relentless struggle against imperialism for the sake of crushing imperialists and their lackeys and immediate achievement of the people's legitimate and just demands.

8. To achieve genuine and unconditional National Independence for OUR COUNTRY.
9. To establish a Republican Democratic Government based on total independence in which all Mozambicans will be equal before the Law and have the same rights and duties.
10. To constitute a people's Government with the full participation of all the people of Mozambique with majority representation.
11. To affirm the inalienable right of the Mozambican Nation to act for itself in the Political field, economically, socially or in any form.
12. To achieve the NATIONAL UNITY and territorial integrity of Mozambique.
13. To construct and promote the economic development of production in the country in order to transform Mozambique from colonial and under-developed country into an economically independent, prosperous and POWERFUL NATION.
14. To defend the interests, legitimate and just demands of all Mozambican people through:-
 - a) Equal distribution of LAND;
 - b) Intensification of Agricultural Industry with a view of becoming self-sufficient and also effecting an export trade;
 - c) The establishment of STATE controlled markets in all aspects to avoid the corruption and plunder of peasants by exploiters and self-seekers;
 - d) The imposition of top level penalty to anyone who robs or deceives a peasant, worker or anyone else;
 - e) The creation of some STATE owned establishments and enterprises and encouragement of co-operative Societies under full management of the people and reasonable distribution of profits to the people;
 - f) The protection of workers' interests from abuses by employers;
 - g) The abolition of all sorts of FORCES labour systems;
 - h) The establishment of the principle of EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK with particular consideration of the LABOUR ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE;

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- i) The protection of the working people by legislation for living minimum wages for skilled and unskilled labour, in addition, humanising the conditions of labour and guaranteeing social security for the people of Mozambique and
 - j) The raising of the standard of living of the people.
15. To liquidate the notorious imperialist and colonialist culture, banning or reducing them to the standard which will not scandalise or destroy the African's customs and culture.
 16. To bring back the lost heritage, the respects and the dignities of our Chiefs which the Portuguese imperialists, colonialist and oppressors have since denied them.
 17. To bring up to date the present educational system and to introduce mass-literacy campaigns aimed at educating the masses.
 18. To form a peoples' DEFENCE FORCE - ARMY, NAVY, AIRFORCE and HOME MILITIA.
 19. To abrogate any foreign military base and to refuse the landing of hostile foreign military planes and ships on the National soil and waters unless by true emergency landing in accordance with the people's Government Law.
 20. To adhere to the ORGANISATION FOR AFRICAN UNITY and to respect the Addis-Ababa AFRICAN CHARTER.
 21. To adhere to the AFRICAN HIGH COMMAND to combat collectively against foreign aggressors into the African Continent.
 22. To abrogate any military treaty with any country outside Africa.
 23. To collaborate with the people of the World under extreme conditions of mutual respect for the National sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs directly or indirectly.
 24. To support the Policy of Positive neutrality and non-alignment.
 25. To respect the United Declaration of Human Rights.
 26. To respect the principles of the UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION.