

FRENTE DE LIBERTACAO DE MOCAMBIQUE  
( FRELIMO)  
"MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT"

file under  
FRELIMO

CONSTITUTION

NAME AND HEADQUARTERS :

- I - NAME: The name of this Organisation shall be "FRENTE DE LIBERTACAO DE MOCAMBIQUE (FRELIMO)."
- II - HEADQUARTERS: The Headquarters of FRELIMO shall be in Lourenco Marques.
- III - AIMS AND OBJECTS:  
AIMS: FRELIMO is a political organisation consisting of Moçambicans with no discrimination of sex, ethnic origin, religious creed or locality of domicile.
- IV - THE OBJECTS OF FRELIMO ARE:  
- A total liquidation of Portuguese Colonial domination and of all vestiges of colonialism and imperialism.  
- The achievement of immediate and complete Independence in Moçambique.  
- To defend and realise the aspiration of the Moçambican people which have been exploited and oppressed by the Portuguese regime.
- V - - In order to achieve such objects FRELIMO will :  
- Proclaim the necessity of unity to all Moçambican people.  
- Organise, mobilise and unite all Moçambicans.
- VI - The Front reserves the right of uniting with other organisations in the anti-colonialist struggle of all countries under Portuguese domination, to form a united FRONT for fighting against Portuguese Colonialism, in order to bring about its total liquidation; to adhere to a Regional African Organisation, a Pan-African Organisation, Afro-Asian and other Organisations, that have as their aims an anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist with a view to the emancipation of the people.
- VII - MEMBERSHIP:  
All Moçambicans who agree with the programme of FRELIMO, and pledge themselves to support its policies, may become members of FRELIMO.
- VIII - Each member must pay his dues regularly.
- IX - Each member shall belong directly to a cell.

ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE:

- X - The structure of FRELIMO is as follows  
- NATION - PROVINCE - DISTRICT - AREA - CELL.
- XI - On a national level there shall be a National Council and a Central Committee.  
- Each Province, District and Area shall have one Committee.
- XII - A CELL is the basis of organisation of FRELIMO and shall be established on working premises and residential areas, and shall have a Secretariat.
- XIII- The Province, District and Area Committees shall be elected by Delegates at Assemblies of the Province, District and Area respectively.
- XIV - The CONGRESS is the Supreme organ of FRELIMO.
- XV - The National Council will be elected by Congress and the Central Committee by the National Council.
- XVI - The National Council, Central Committee, the Provincial District and Area Committees, and Cell secretariates are responsible to their respective superior organs for the execution of resolutions and political directives of FRELIMO.
- XVII- FRELIMO will mobilise and organise Mozambicans who have emigrated to African Countries and elsewhere in groups that shall act as sections in the foreign division of FRELIMO.
- XVIII- The structure of FRELIMO is based on Democratic Centralism. Its organs shall work and be orientated on the following basis:
- a) Democratic spirit.
  - b) Collective spirit.
  - c) Unity in action.
  - d) Criticism and self criticism.
  - e) Mutual help.

MODIFICATION AND DISSOLUTION:

- XIX - The Congress of FRELIMO shall have the power to amend the constitution.
- XX - The Congress shall have the exclusive power to dissolve itself. A 2/3 majority of delegates at the Congress shall be required for such dissolution.
- In no case will FRELIMO be dissolved before the achievement of the National Independence of Mocambique.

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS

- XXI - The Provisional Headquarters of FRELIMO will be in Dar-Es-Salaam - Tanganyike while operating from exile.

FINANCE

- XXII - The funds of FRELIMO will be derived from entry fees, members' subscriptions, donations and funds raised by any other means.

OMISSIONS

- XXIII - Omissions in the present statutes will be rectified by the following organs in order of competence:
- a) By the General Internal Regulations of FRELIMO.
  - b) By the National Council.
  - c) By the Central Committee.
- XXIV - The General Internal Regulations will be drafted by the Central Committee to be approved by the National Council and will be submitted for ratification to the Congress.

PROGRAMME

- I - To work for the general liquidation of Portuguese Colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.
- 2 - To unite and mobilize Moçambicans of all social classes residing in Moçambique and outside, without discrimination of tribe, religion, ideology or sex.
- 3 - To fight by all means for the liquidation in Moçambique of Portuguese Colonial domination and of all vestiges of colonialism and imperialism.
- 4 - To fight together with all Moçambican patriotic forces.
- 5 - To collaborate with all African peoples who are struggling for their complete independence, particularly with the people and organizations of Portuguese Colonies.
- 6 - To collaborate with all progressive forces and peace-loving countries in the whole world, to obtain the sympathy and support of all peoples for the cause of the liberation of Moçambican people.
- 7 - To achieve the immediate and complete National Independence of Moçambique.
- 8 - To establish a Democratic Government based on total Independence in which all Moçambicans will be equal before the law and have the same rights and duties.
- 9 - The formation of a Government of the people, by the people and for the people in which the sovereignty of the Nation will reside in the will of the people.
- 10 - To promote peace, order and prosperity in Moçambique.
- 11 - To affirm the inalienable right of the Moçambican Nation to act for itself on the political diplomatic, economic, social, cultural or on any other plane.
- 12 - To maintain the unity and territorial integrity of Moçambique.
- 13 - To liquidate all economic aspects of a colonialist or imperialist type.
- 14 - To reconstruct the economy and development of production in order to transform Moçambique, from a colonial and under developed country to an independent, industrial, developed, modern, prosperous and strong country.
- 15 - To defend the interests of all Moçambican people, through
  - The abolition of forced labour system.
  - The abolition of agreements which govern the emigration of Moçambican workers to South Africa and other colonised countries.

- The abolition of practice of the transportation of prisoners to the plantations of S. Tome and other countries.
- The abolition of the use of Moçambican soldiers in colonial wars against peoples of other Portuguese Colonies as well as against the people of other countries.
- The establishment of equal pay for equal work, without discrimination of race or sex.
- The raising of the standard of living of the people.
- I6 - To honour the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- I7 - To end colonialist and imperialist education and culture, to reform the educational system now in force, and energetically and rapidly to combat illiteracy.
- I8 - To develop education and culture to serve the liberty and peaceful progress of the Moçambican people.
- I9 - To create forces for national defence: an army, navy, and air force composed of the indigenous people.
- 20 - To eliminate foreign military bases in the national territory.
- 21 - To refrain from adhering to military blocs.
- 22 - To collaborate in the building of the unity of all the peoples on the African Continent, based on the respect of liberty, dignity and the right of the political, economic and social progress of these peoples.
- 23 - To collaborate with all the people of the world on the basis of mutual respect of National Sovereignty and territorial integrity, no aggression, non-interference in internal affairs, equality and reciprocity of advantages, and peaceful coexistence.
- 24 - To respect the principles of the United Nations Charter.