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An achievable UNDERTAKING for the benefit of South African Citizens

The CALLING of African Covenant (ACO) is to deliver a South Africa which is built on pillars of Unity, Respect, Order and Prosperity, through A RIGHTEOUS MANDATE FOR POLITICS, which is based on values of Truth, Love, Selflessness, Service Delivery with integrity and excellence.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACO	= African Covenant
ACOD	= African Covenant Disability
ACOF	= African Covenant Family (with a NETWORK OF MEN and of WOMEN: NOM and NOW)
ACOY	= African Covenant Youth (formed of the youth, Students and Learners between the ages of 16 & 35)
BOSA	= Bank of South Africa
CFO	= Chief Financial Officer
GMO	= Genetically Modified Organisms
IEC	= Independent Electoral Commission
MSG	= Mono-Sodium Glutamate
NC	= National Congregation
NEC	= National Executive Council
PC	= Provincial Congregation
RC	= Regional Congregation
SA	= South Africa
SMMEs	= Small Micro and Medium Enterprises
WCL	= Ward Council Leader
WL	= Ward Leader

PREAMBLE

The Lord has heard the prayers of many prayerful South African Citizens. A new **political party** has been formed. Its name is **AFRICAN COVENANT**. The Righteous interests¹ and well-being of South African Citizens are the priorities of this new political party. This document contains two major matters: the **introduction** to African Covenant, and the **undertakings**², which an African Covenant (ACO) -led government shall implement in South Africa. The undertakings should be interpreted and understood in the light of ACO's four (4) pillars of Unity, Respect, Order and Prosperity, and ACO's four (4) values, which are Truth, Love, Selflessness, Service Delivery with integrity³ and excellence.

CHAPTER ONE

I. INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN COVENANT

I.1 WHO IS AFRICAN COVENANT?

- I.1.1 African Covenant is a **political party**
- I.1.2 The party's shortened name is **A** for African and **CO** for Covenant (**ACO**)
- I.1.3 ACO shall be pronounced as **Ah...Kho**
- I.1.4 The founder of ACO is **Dr. Convy Baloyi**
- I.1.5 ACO is registered with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC)
- I.1.6 ACO is certified to contest the national, provincial and local government elections
- I.1.7 It is now **politics unusual** with ACO
- I.1.8 ACO is positioning itself to become the **GOVERNING party** for South Africa (SA)
- I.1.9 ACO shall not be compromised by any effort to gain unmerited favours
- I.1.10 ACO has a **RIGHTEOUS MANDATE FOR POLITICS**, and
- I.1.11 This mandate shall be implemented in South Africa (SA) for the benefit of the Citizens.

I.2 WHY DOES AFRICAN COVENANT EXIST?

- I.2.1 ACO exists to usher in a **righteous government** in South Africa
- I.2.2 ACO shall ensure the manifestation of unity, order, respect and prosperity in SA
- I.2.3 ACO shall inculcate truth, love and selflessness into the socio-economic fibre of society
- I.2.4 ACO shall form an effective government **structure** and an efficient governance **system**
- I.2.5 The structure and system shall be populated with righteous⁴, skilled & educated Citizens
- I.2.6 Services shall be delivered with integrity and excellence
- I.2.7 ACO shall be a reliable steward of SA, its mineral and natural resources

I.3 WHAT IS AFRICAN COVENANT'S LEADERSHIP MODEL?

- I.3.1 African Covenant has a **flat structure**
- I.3.2 An ACO member is called a **steward**
- I.3.3 A steward functions in his or her community as a street steward
- I.3.4 Street stewards (+51) constitute a **ward** under a ward leader elected by street stewards
- I.3.5 Ward leaders constitute a **ward council** led by a leader elected by ward leaders
- I.3.6 Ward council leaders are a voice of the people to ACO **national executive council**⁵
- I.3.7 A ward/ ward council shall elect **four (4)** stewards to work with a ward/council leader
- I.3.8 The gathering of ward leaders under the ward council is called the **regional congregation**
- I.3.9 The gathering of ward council leaders is called the **provincial congregation**
- I.3.10 The gathering of national representatives of ACO is called the **national congregation**
- I.3.11 ACO organs are Family, Youth and Disability (ACOF, ACOY, ACOD)

¹ Wellness, goodness, long quality life, security, neighbourliness and a flourishing economy that benefits the Citizens

² SMART policy activities which shall be implemented for the benefit of the Citizens

³ The money allocated and spent for services must be matched with the workmanship and quality of the final service delivered without bribing officials

⁴ One who does not take bribes or steals but pursues unity, order, respect and selflessly prioritizes the well-being of the Citizens

⁵ The founding President, the three (3) interim or elected Coordinating Governors, supported by the Registrar and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

CHAPTER TWO

2. UNPACKING THE COVENANT

Over and above leading, managing and administering an efficient and effective government: African Covenant (ACO) **undertakes** to **SERVE** South African Citizens as it is described in the following sections of this chapter.

2.1 UNITY (a united South Africa)

African Covenant (ACO) believes that a nation prospers when its citizens are united. Therefore, ACO undertakes to implement the following measures in order to ensure the manifestation of a united South Africa:

- 2.1.1 **Diversity:** protect people's freedom which advances unity, respect, order and prosperity in SA
- 2.1.2 **National unity:** simplify identities, languages, orders, anthem which are aimed at nation building
- 2.1.3 **Reconciliation:** end and criminalize racism. Citizens shall be called and known as **South Africans**

2.2 RESPECT (a respected South Africa)

African Covenant (ACO) believes that a nation prospers when its Citizens have self-respect and respect for others. Therefore, ACO shall implement the following measures to ensure the manifestation of a respected SA:

- 2.2.1 **Family:** a family unit is regarded by ACO as the best platform from which moral and ethical vessels should be developed and released into the economy of South Africa. ACO shall introduce and implement laws aimed at strengthening the family structure; restoring the value of family; provision of good foundational education for children; preserving marriage as an institution that arises from uniting one husband (man) and one wife (woman); ending abortion, women and children abuse as well as molestation and rape.
- 2.2.2 **Land:** end the generation curse of landlessness for the Citizens by making sure that: South African land shall be owned by the Citizens, under the stewardship of the State. Ensure that every adult South African without the land for habitation and/or for business (including for agriculture) is enabled to access, own and use the land. Land allotted for business, including agriculture, shall be monitored to ensure that the business on it is benefitting the Citizens. **A land occupation and utilization law** shall be introduced to ensure managed land occupation and use. Cases on contested ownership of historic land shall be addressed factually and concluded peacefully. Government shall own land for purposes of carrying out its governance, administrative, research and other inherent State functions, as well as for heritage purposes. **The land ownership profile** shall be developed and published as part of stewardship and transparency.
- 2.2.3 **Natural and mineral resources:** all natural and mineral resources shall be mined, preserved and the materials be used for the benefit of the Citizens. The economic process of production shall be structured in ways which shall benefit the Citizens. Mining shall be organized in ways that localizes production of raw materials, production of goods, consequent processing and supply of goods for the benefit of South African Citizens and where applicable, export the goods from the local overflow.
- 2.2.4 **Mines:** the ownership and management of mines shall be reviewed. Mines shall be under the stewardship of the State for the benefit of the Citizens. Lease agreements which benefit the Citizens shall be entered into with any **private** miner. Legislating, licensing, implementation and monitoring of the mines shall be done for the benefit of the Citizens. Mining approvals shall be transparent.
- 2.2.5 **Integrated health-care:** de-monopolize the provision of health-care goods and services. Ensure quick access to quality health care and services for the Citizens. Introduce and regulate quality

health-care alternatives. Reduce costs associated with access to quality health-care services. Restore efficiency and professional delivery of health-care services. Increase and certify the use of community platforms for easy-to-handle health-care needs. Rehabilitate some of the major health-care facilities. Inspire, support and appreciate health-care professionals in order to retain the best brains within the Country.

- 2.2.6 **Social support:** restore human dignity by supporting orphans, the homeless and the poor. Eradicating street and traffic lights begging. End bridge and pavement dwellings. End prostitution. Introduce alternative integrated housing solution for underprivileged Citizens. Identify and eradicate practices where the poor are subsidizing the rich, e.g. Pay As You Go cell phone fees being more expensive than contracted fees. Protect the Citizens (especially the children) from possible negative psycho-social effects of social media/ open sources that may corrupt good morals, family values and holiness of the mind, body and spirit. Publishing of pervasive, blasphemous, illicit sex and nude materials shall be prohibited. End the abuse of the elderly and the vulnerable in society. Recognize and support veterans who were instrumental in the transformation of SA. Replace some of the State grants with compulsory education and the creation of a conducive environment for full employment (*see fiscal and monetary matters*)

2.3 ORDER (an orderly South Africa)

African Covenant (ACO) believes that a nation prospers when its citizens know that their lives, property and opportunities to serve, are protected by a righteous government: a government which respects and cares for its Citizens, and ensures a prevalence of justice through a judicial and security system, which is established on righteous principles. African Covenant (ACO) shall implement the following measures to ensure the manifestation of an orderly nation:

- 2.3.1 **Stewardship:** good stewardship shall be a virtue under an ACO-led government. A good steward is one who hates and does not participate in corruption, stealing and bribery. One who responsibly and accountably protects and uses the resources of the State to benefit the Citizens.
- 2.3.3 **Exemplary leadership:** anyone who steals money and property of the State or accepts bribes or use other ways to accept the same, shall be punished severely and be corrected in ways that shall teach society to respect South Africa and its public service.
- 2.3.4 **Job allocation:** positions of governance shall be allocated to and be occupied by incumbents who are righteous, educated, talented/ skilled and dedicated to serve the Citizens with distinction and respect.
- 2.3.5 **People's government:** Citizens shall be listened to. Genuine needs of society shall be addressed. Citizens shall be treated with respect and dignity.
- 2.3.6 **Law reform:** the law shall be reformed in order to bring into the legal fraternity and practice, some of the African ways of justice. A judicial system that prioritizes and serves the interest of Citizens shall be introduced and implemented. Included in the reform shall be for laws on property and taxes. Inclusive ways, processes and procedures for entrance into legal practice for deserving law graduates in particular, shall be ensured.
- 2.3.7 **Crime** is and shall remain the **number one enemy** under ACO. Crime and criminality shall be ended. For the sake of the safety and protection of the Citizens and because of the current⁶ high rate of criminality in the Country: crime and criminality in general shall be treated with the harshest attitude under ACO, **to a point that** some of the crimes **may have** to be punishable by death. Some of the criminal laws shall be reviewed to ensure that the following crimes are **ENDED** in South Africa and the trial processes in these regards is shortened without tempering with the tenants of justice and fairness:

⁶ As at 2018, the crime rate in the Country is at 74%

- 2.3.7.1 Murder or killings, including abortion
 - 2.3.7.2 House-breaking, theft, cash heists, **money laundering**, hijacking, abduction
 - 2.3.7.3 Human trafficking, trading with human organs and parts
 - 2.3.7.4 Illegal drug supplying and trading
 - 2.3.7.5 Gangster-ism
 - 2.3.7.6 Molestation, abuse and rape
 - 2.3.7.7 The use of children and young people to commit crime
 - 2.3.7.8 Copper-cable theft and trading as well as vandalizing property and infrastructure
 - 2.3.7.9 Illegal gun-ownership
 - 2.3.7.10 Pouching and abuse of animals (*read in line with Animal safety*)
 - 2.3.7.11 Illegal entrance and stay in the Country (*see Illegal access and safety & security*)
- 2.3.8 **Constitutional rights and privileges:** the rights allotted to criminals *prior to* and *after* the conclusion of trials shall be reviewed. Crime shall never pay at all under the ACO-led government. Court trials and prison lives of criminals shall not be financed by the State. Jail facilities shall be separated from correctional centres. Jail facilities shall be used for criminals with offences that require the harshest punishment, whilst correctional centres shall be used for other forms of crimes for which rehabilitation is considered possible. Ex-convicts/ offenders with proven records of rehabilitation shall be assisted to proceed with their life purposes.
- 2.3.9 **Animal safety:** ensure and enhance protection all animals.
- 2.3.10 **Safety and security:** the army, navy and police shall be enabled to perform their national duties without undue political interference. Border access and control shall be strengthened. Illegal entrance into the Country shall be regarded as a serious criminal offence and the perpetrators shall be regarded as criminals of war against State and the people South Africa. All illegal immigrants already in the Country shall have a prescribed number of days to return to their countries of origin or face the might of the law. The ACO-led government shall not finance the deportation of illegal immigrants.

2.4 PROSPERITY (a prosperous South Africa)

African Covenant (ACO) believes that a nation prospers when its government creates a conducive environment for the Citizens to participate in the Country's economy in ways that eradicate poverty, unemployment and dependency on State's grants. Furthermore, a government that cares for its Citizens, ensures that they have access to clean drinking water, affordable (or even free) electricity, decent shelter, free and compulsory career and skills-based quality education. ACO undertakes to implement the following measures in order to ensure the manifestation of a prosperous South Africa:

- 2.4.1 **Economic development:** review financial agreements entered into between the SA government and other parts of the world. Discontinue with agreements that are corrupt and detrimental to the well-being of Citizens. Renegotiate agreements which are aimed at benefitting the Citizens. Publish and maintain a profile of all existing agreements for information purposes to the Citizens. Introduce and implement an economic development and management strategy that structures and grows township and rural economies, as well as ensures efficiency of urban spaces, cities and business sustainability.
- 2.4.2 **Government services to the people:** locating some of the government offices, service centres, warehouses and factories in the township and rural areas.
- 2.4.3 **Fiscal and monetary matters:** develop and implement a fiscal and monetary policy which alleviates unnecessary tax burdens on the Citizens. Enhance infrastructure development that benefits the Citizens in the short-, medium- and long-term basis; ensure countrywide financial stewardship enabling the government to operate from *appropriation to service*, run a consolidated approach

of cash balance to income and expenditure in order to achieve a balanced budget, as opposed to operating from borrowings and overdraft, discourage borrowing, avoid litigations due to negligence and wastage, strive towards an internal and external fiscal balance as well as **full employment**.

- 2.4.4 **Financial freedom:** establish and implement a State-owned Bank of South Africa (BOSA) aimed at minimizing bank fees and yielding high returns on investment for Citizens. The Bank shall be run efficiently, in fair competition to other commercial banks. Introduce and implement a strategy that encourages and enables financial savings and investment for all income-earning Citizens. Eradicate unethical high percentage credit lending and defaults by banks. End the exploitation of the underprivileged by exorbitant interest rates on short-term loans. Assist the Citizens to prioritize investments by amongst others, increasing the repayment period for consumables purchased on credit and reduce the repayment period for property.
- 2.4.5 **Taxes:** eradicate the inefficiency of the multiple tax payment system that has impoverished the Citizens. Eradicate the complicated tax compliance, monitoring and collection system. Streamline the Income Tax Act. Re-evaluate and significantly reduce the effect of Value Added Tax on the poor. Review all taxes on capital gains and taxes on property (donations tax, estate duty, securities transfer tax and transfer duty). Revise existing tax agreements. Promote the health of Citizens by levying sin and sugar taxes at a level that changes behaviour. Review the taxes levied from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) foods, foods with pesticides, food with Mono-Sodium Glutamate (MSG), foods with chemically harmful preservatives, in order to protect the Citizens from unintended negative health effects. Utilize customs and excise tax to encourage local production. Review tax on fuel. Other income streams to be identified to replace this tax type.
- 2.4.6 **Road safety and reward:** the purpose of the Road Accident Fund (RAF) shall be revised and not be used to support claims for cases of negligence such as speeding, drunk-driving, use of un-roadworthy cars and the illegal use of communication devices whilst driving.
- 2.4.7 **Efficiency:** introduce a new traffic management strategy that reduces congestions on the roads. Eradicate government wastages such as the money spend on wars, court cases, litigations, securities, hidden benefits, accommodation, cars, travelling, meals, entertainment, suspensions with pay, hand-shake termination of government employments, grants and bail-outs of State Owned Enterprises. Reduce general government expenditure. Reduce child grants to a maximum of one (1) child, except in cases of orphans and certain forms of disabilities. All forms of government grants shall be available to the South African Citizens by descent only (*see Social support above*). Children whose parent(s) are not South African Citizens by descent shall not receive grants from the State.
- 2.4.8 **The importance of Arts:** make arts, culture, sport, language and talent prominent, commercially viable and sustainable.
- 2.4.9 **Skills transfer and sustained nation building:** government employees at retirement stage shall be supported to discover their life-extended purposes whilst transferring skills to the new entrants. Estates threshold which do not require the assistance of auditors shall be increased. Revise regulations with regard to special trusts and deceased estates, making it easier for grieving families to go through pressures of the seasons of loss.
- 2.4.10 **Education:** introduce a career/skills-based quality education structure, programme and system, with a curriculum that is cognizant of the 'African-ness' of South Africa and its role in the global market; a curriculum which shall enable and stimulate entrepreneurship and innovation; producing well-rounded graduates. Education to be compulsory for Citizens under the age of 35. Emphasis to be placed on teaching:

- the ability to read, write, interpret/use numbers, think/ decide ethically, relate/ know the value, importance and good use of money, as well as the centrality of faith for successful living.
- stewardship, love, giving and serving.
- the importance of family and its values, self-respect and respect for others, good character development and
- the advantageous use of technology;

Support and fund education:

- that adds value to the nation's economy and enables graduates to be employable soon after graduating or to employ others
- whose curriculum and training is linked to needs of government and industry and
- that empowers professionals, community and parents to proactively participate in developing the children to reach their potential and find their life purposes.

Support and fund research that produces new knowledge that can be translated into outputs, outcomes and systems that improves the lives of Citizens and the economy of the Country.

Review the school history curriculum to reflect the past truth of the nation.

- 2.4.II **Business support:** ensure access and participation in the economy without undue systems and human bottlenecks. Create a **conducive environment** for business to flourish and **employ** the Citizens. Support emerging businesses through a well-managed incubations programme. Identify and support entrepreneurship and innovation. Ensure mentorship of small and new business owners. Facilitate co-operation between and amongst sole proprietary businesses. Review the process of allocating licenses in the fishing industry to justly empower communities that are dependent on the fishery business. Reduce founding and audit costs for emerging non-profit organizations. Facilitate the production of healthy foods as a way of enabling local small businesses and local farmers to participate and succeed in the national local economy.
- 2.4.I2 **Industrialization:** facilitate infrastructure development through well-established and efficiently managed financial development institutions. Adopt an open business policy approach with regards to investment by the international community. Facilitate shareholding with investors for the benefit of the Citizens.
- 2.4.I3 **Employment:** in keeping with ACO's Fiscal and Monetary policy objectives: create a conducive environment for employment of South African Citizens who are university and/or college graduates. Create a conducive environment for job creation. Citizens shall be prioritized for job opportunities in the Country. Restore the industries which shall manufacture goods locally, such as textile and cotton. Work with business and labour to consider alternative forms of labour relations that shall speedily grow the local economy and create sustainable quality jobs. **Also refer to water and sanitation below for other job creation measures.**
- 2.4.I4 **Environment and resources management and stewardship:** ensure that the South African environment and resources are guarded, preserved, protected and managed as national treasures for the benefit of the Citizens. Ensure clean, protected and well-manage water, air and soil. **Develop and implement an efficient nationwide water preservation and supply strategy.** Protect marine and wildlife, flora and fauna. Introduce and encourage guardianship of the land, people, animals, natural resources and produce.
- 2.4.I5 **Waste and sanitation:** prioritize access to water and sanitation in the economic development trajectory of the Country. **Develop and implement an efficient nationwide waste management strategy.** Water is infinitely re-usable and re-use of water shall be encouraged at all levels of government. Reward industry for evident water re-use. Water laws on all levels of government and the economic sector shall be applied and enforced effectively and remedial action enforced on pollution. Principles of water and sanitation shall be taught at all school levels and public

awareness be rolled out. State operated water and sanitation facilities shall set an exemplary trend for water usage. Water supply and treatment systems shall be viable and sustainable business entities with **major job creation potential**.

- 2.4.16 **Technology and innovation:** regulate the use of technology and artificial intelligence for the benefit of the Citizens
- 2.4.17 **Communication:** fast-track the Country's move from the use of analogue to digital infrastructure. Improve access to bandwidth for cell phone coverage in the remote areas of the Country. Make communication cheaper and accessible countrywide. Prioritize the publishing and airing of righteous, informative and educational local content on all government funded media platforms and channels in the Country. Ban the broadcasting of material with profane, blasphemous, vulgar, explicit sex and violent content from all the public government funded media in the Country. Ensure efficient functioning of statutory bodies with communication-oriented mandates.



CHAPTER THREE

3.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

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