

# 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  
government is based on the will of the people and every citizen is equally  
protected by law;*

*Improve the quality of life of all citizens and free the potential of each  
person; and*

*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.*

**(Preamble to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa)**

**ONE CONSTITUTION, ONE NATION**



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