

# RHODESIAN FRONT



Rhodesians Worldwide

**Principles  
and  
Policies  
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### Foreword by the Party President

1. In presenting these Principles and Policies of the Rhodesian Front the Party is conscious of the great responsibilities which rest on their shoulders in setting out a blue-print for the future.
2. The Front firmly believes that these Principles and Policies will ensure for the European a permanent, strong and immovable stake in Rhodesia. At the same time they will safeguard the rights of the African.
3. It is the Front's policy that there shall be equal opportunity for all people and they believe that the Principles they have adopted will achieve this goal.
4. The Rhodesian Front is the only party that can guarantee the well-being of all races in this land of ours, Rhodesia.

Salisbury.  
September, 1973.

*9. Douglas*  
Prime Minister.



## PRINCIPLES

1. The Party affirms its loyalty to the Independent Country of Rhodesia.
2. The Party views the National Flag as the only and exclusive symbol of our independent Rhodesian Nation.
3. The Party will ensure that the Government of Rhodesia remains permanently in responsible hands.
4. English will remain the official language of the Country.
5. The Party will preserve a strong and prosperous State based upon the fundamental principles which affect a sound society, including:
  - (i) recognition of the family as the basis of society;
  - (ii) the right of all individuals, within the framework of the law, to private ownership, freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of association and opportunity to develop their abilities to the full and to receive reward and recognition entirely on merit;
  - (iii) total opposition to Communism and Communistic Ideologies.
6. The Party will ensure the permanent establishment of the European in Rhodesia and to this end will encourage to the utmost European immigration.

7. The Party will uphold the principle of the Land Tenure Act.
8. The Party will uphold the principle of the preservation of the Tribal Trust Lands and will promote their development.
9. The Party opposes compulsory integration and believes that the peaceful co-existence of people can only be achieved when communities have the right and opportunity to preserve their own identities, traditions and customs, and, therefore, recognises the obligation of Government and respective communities where necessary to ensure the provision of such separate facilities as will make this possible.
10. The Party will ensure that law and order are maintained.
11. The Party will promote the full economic development of Rhodesia and to this end will seek the co-operation of all her people.
12. The Party will encourage and stimulate private enterprise, subject to the right of the State to intervene when necessary in the interests of the Country.
13. The Party will strive to create conditions in which all inhabitants of Rhodesia may attain reasonable standards of housing, health, social services and employment.
14. The Party will ensure the Government honours its obligations in the payment of pensions.

15. The Party will protect the standards of skilled workers against exploitation by cheap labour.
16. The Party recognises the desirability of consultation and co-operation with other States in the solution of common problems.

Rhodesian Front Headquarters,  
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## PARTY POLICIES

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# THE RHODESIAN FRONT

## PARTY POLICIES

### Preamble

The Rhodesian Front recognises that the members of each racial group are desirous of preserving their own identities, traditions, customs and ways of life. Respecting these differences, the Rhodesian Front introduced the 1969 Constitution and the Land Tenure Act. This legislation affords the opportunity to each race to develop to its fullest extent in its own Area and in accordance with its own social structure, without intrusion upon its privacy and rights by any other race. It will set the example to the public by providing separate facilities for the different races in State Offices and Institutions. It further aims to engender between the races the mutual confidence and respect that will encourage the fullest participation of persons in their own development, and so enable all to contribute to the overall growth of the Nation.

Traditionally, land in Rhodesia is divided into two main areas, namely, land in which European interests are paramount and land in which African interests are paramount.

The Front will introduce a system of provincialisation which will allow each race to control many of the matters which affect the daily lives of its people. National services will be maintained and expanded to meet the requirements of a rapidly developing country, controlled by a strong central Government, which will remain in responsible hands.

The Front will sustain a concerted drive by all arms of Government to ensure the maximum effectiveness of a population control programme, related to a proper ecological balance.

THE POLICIES OF THE PARTY WHICH FOLLOW SHALL NOT BE READ IN ISOLATION, BUT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS BEING BINDING IN ALL FIELDS OF GOVERNMENT. THE RHODESIAN FRONT WILL, IN RESPECT OF . . .

### Afforestation

Encourage afforestation schemes in all suitable areas of Rhodesia, due regard being had, however, to the overriding need to conserve water resources.

2. Give preference to private enterprise in industry, as opposed to nationalisation, with due regard to the national interest.
3. Attract investment capital from outside our borders, bearing in mind the need to maintain political stability and the safety of investment.
4. Assist in the development of industry through the Industrial Development Corporation.
5. Encourage still further the adoption of standard specifications issued by recognised national or international standards organisations where relevant standards have not yet been prepared by the Central African Standards Association.
6. Pursue a policy of "Buy Rhodesian" and ensure that as far as possible, all Government purchasing is directed to the purchase of local products.
7. Maintain a close watch on trading practices, discourage monopolies and take appropriate action where these are operating contrary to the public interest.
8. Protect small traders from malpractices on the part of large monopolistic concerns.
9. Make every endeavour to bring about a better balance in the distribution of industry as between the European and African Areas, and where practicable, encourage industry to establish itself in close proximity to its source of labour living in the Tribal Trust Land.

## Community, Regional and Provincial Development and Administration

### 1. Community Development

Apply the basic techniques and methods of the Community Development philosophy, suitably adapted to conditions in Africa today to provide the appropriate vehicle for the promotion of maximum participation of all persons and communities in their own development. Accordingly, Community Development techniques will be invoked in the following fields:

- (a) Development of a community spirit by the strengthening of community bonds, and common interests, and the harnessing of latent initiative.
- (b) Support from Government resources for self-help projects and campaigns.
- (c) Assistance in the organisation and establishment of local government authorities in the rural as well as in the urban areas thereby decentralising certain Central Government functions.

## **2. Regional and Provincial Administration**

As provided for in Article 30(4) of the Constitution of Rhodesia, 1969, delegate to Provincial, Regional and Local Government authorities, powers, duties and obligations which will enable them to administer and promote the aims and aspirations of the peoples of Rhodesia, in a manner which recognises their differing cultures, without subordinating the interests of one group to those of another. This will be done in keeping with the basic provisions of the Land Tenure Act, 1969, which permit the division of land approximately equally between the European and African races, and entrench the concept that the interests of the European are paramount in the European Area, while the interests of the African are paramount in the African Area.

Within the European Area, provide for a devolution of authority, while ensuring full co-operation and co-ordination between communities, local bodies and Government agencies. In the African areas of Mashonaland and Matabeleland, promote separate Regional and Provincial administrations with a view to assisting African advancement and adjustment to a changing environment.

## **Decentralisation**

Implement wherever practicable a policy of decentralisation.

## **Defence**

1. Preserve the security and integrity of Rhodesia as an independent sovereign republic.
2. Continually strengthen and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our armed forces so that they may be in a position to meet any threat against Rhodesia.
3. Maintain close liaison with friendly states in order to preserve peace and harmony in Southern Africa.

## **Economics**

1. Create conditions necessary to secure the maximum growth of the economy, consistent with price stability.
2. Ensure the maximum possible level of employment for all sections of the population, to enable all to enjoy the benefits of economic security and a rising standard of living.



2. Extend and increasingly strengthen the warm and cordial relations established with friendly neighbours in Southern Africa.
3. Maintain and foster cordial and effective relations with other countries in the world on the basis of mutual interests.
4. Participate in regional, international and other specialised agencies on the basis of co-operation and understanding.
5. Make available, within our capacity to do so, such technical and other aid as may be sought by other less developed countries.
6. Consult and co-operate on a regional and bilateral basis with countries in Southern Africa on problems of common interest.
7. Accord the recognised privileges of diplomatic immunity to foreign nationals of any ethnic group who may take up residence in this country for diplomatic purposes.

## Health

1. Expand the preventive health services of the country as rapidly as possible, through the medium of local authorities at all levels, and under the direction of provincial health services.

2. Provide adequate family planning advisory services and facilities.
3. Provide separate curative health facilities for the various communities, sited, where possible and practicable, within their respective areas, and encourage local and tribal authorities to develop certain of these services.
4. Consolidate and rationalise the country's hospital services by:
  - (a) Upgrading General Hospitals so that resident staff and specialist facilities will be available in these units.
  - (b) Maintaining the post-graduate teaching status of the two African Central hospitals upgrading the two European Central hospitals to similar status and placing them under the administrative control of Boards of Management.
5. Ensure that high standards are maintained in private hospitals and nursing homes.
6. Pay special attention to the recruitment and training of medical and nursing staff to meet the needs of both Central Government and local authorities, and where practical, ensure that such staff are of the same race as the race for whom the health facility is provided.



## Housing

1. Establish and preserve urban residential areas which will ensure privacy for individuals, communities and people of different cultures. In respect of any accommodation provided as an adjunct to shopping facilities established to give service to residential areas, occupation of such accommodation will be confined to members of the community for which the residential area itself is provided.
2. In pursuance of the policy of greater development in the African Area, foster the establishment there of African urban townships, including home-ownership schemes.
3. Stimulate private home-ownership by encouraging adequate provision of financial facilities in both public and private sectors.
4. Encourage private enterprise to provide the bulk of the country's housing requirements and continue the close liaison between Government and the Building Industry in all respects.
5. Promote the development of sufficient low cost, high density housing schemes on reasonably priced stands.

6. Encourage local authorities to participate in the housing field on a basis of economic rentals, where the private sector fails to meet this need.
7. Provide adequate housing facilities for immigrants, including short-term furnished accommodation.

## Immigration

1. Pursue a vigorous European immigration policy, designed to bring into Rhodesia the skills and capital necessary for the rapid expansion of the economy.
2. Facilitate the movement of tourists and other visitors at ports of entry by providing the most efficient and rapid immigration formalities possible, consistent with effective control.
3. Co-ordinate the activities of all Ministries which play an essential role in immigration, through the Immigration Promotion Council.
4. Promote the immigration of young people through "Fairbridge" type schemes.

## Information

1. Provide the best possible information services to the people of Rhodesia and the outside world.
2. Keep the population abreast of all national affairs, and foster racial co-operation.
3. Promote a proper appreciation of the dignity of labour.
4. Continue to take the lead in opposing communism, permissiveness and other objectionable doctrines designed to destroy civilised standards.

## Internal Affairs

### African Affairs

1. Foster the Tribal system by upholding and extending the authority of the Chiefs through the Council of Chiefs and the Tribal Authorities. In furtherance of the philosophy of Community Development and with the object of bringing about the early establishment

of Provincial Administrations to undertake an ever-increasing role in the management of social services, land use and the economic development of the African Area, promote the:—

- (a) Development of African Councils at local government levels, and Chiefs' Tribal Courts.
- (b) Co-operative buying and marketing and private investment by individuals and through the Tribal Trust Land Development Corporation.
- (c) Improvement and development of agriculture, through the tribal leaders.
- (d) Provision of amenities for the benefit of the African people.
- (e) Establishment of industrial and commercial activity and increased employment opportunity in, and adjacent to, the African Area. With the object of reducing the evils of vagrancy and lawlessness among the unemployed, averting the overcrowding of housing and abuse of health services, steps will be taken to reverse unnecessary movement from the African Area of persons for whom no employment is available in the urban areas, and appropriately sited labour exchanges will be established to facilitate and service this policy.

## Land

Maintain the traditional pattern and principle of differentiation between communities in the ownership, use and occupation of land, and to this end pledges itself to uphold the intent enshrined in the Land Tenure Act.

## Law and Order

1. Maintain law and order, and to this end, support a strong and efficient Police force.
2. Support the regular police with a strong police reserve force.

## Local Government

(It should be noted that Policy relating to Local Government in the African Area is included under Internal Affairs.)

1. Encourage the development of a complete pattern of viable and efficient local government based upon the entrenchment of the local government franchise remaining in the hands of the European within the European Area.

2. Ensure that the maximum possible level of Central Government finance and assistance is made available to enable local authorities to meet their responsibilities to their communities.
3. Permit the larger authorities to raise their own loans on the public market, subject to Central Government control.
4. Pay close regard to the adequate planning of town and country, including the introduction, where necessary, of regional planning.
5. Maintain in effective form, legislation requiring local authorities to make provision, where necessary and appropriate, for separate facilities and amenities for the various communities.

## Meteorological Services

Maintain meteorological services to meet the needs of the public, the farming community and civil and military aviation.



## Mines

1. Promote the discovery, exploration, development and production of the mineral resources of Rhodesia by private enterprise.
2. Provide, without delay, legal machinery to define the rights of, and maintain harmonious relations between prospectors, miners and land owners.
3. Undertake the geological survey, mapping and recording of mineral occurrences and conduct special geological investigations into the occurrences of particular minerals.
4. Provide technical advice to the mining industry.
5. Promote the processing of the country's minerals, and their subsequent utilisation in domestic production.
6. Give full support to the marketing of minerals.
7. Provide financial assistance to the mining industry when it is in the national interest to do so, including the operation of a plant hire service.
8. Take whatever steps may be necessary to reduce to a minimum the incidence of pneumoconiosis and ensure adequate compensation to workers suffering from this disease.

## National Parks & Wild Life

1. Promote tourist development and visitor use of the country's National Parks, commensurate with maintaining the essential wilderness or natural qualities of those areas.
2. Recognising the dangers of over-exploitation, encourage the regulated use of wild animals, fish and plants, so as to safeguard against the extinction of individual species and, wherever possible, promote the optimum long-term utilisation of those forms of wild life whose future survival is in no way threatened.

## Pollution

Actively combat all forms of pollution.

## Posts & Telecommunications

Ensure that the Post and Telecommunications Corporation is able to meet the growing demands of an expanding economy, continue with its programme of modernising the telecommunications system of Rhodesia and provide facilities to meet the needs of the various communities.

## **Power**

1. Ensure adequate supplies of electrical power by the necessary pre-planning and development of electrical generation and distribution.
2. Maintain the cost of electrical power to the consumer at the lowest possible level, commensurate with the viability of the supply organisation.

## **Public Service**

1. Maintain, on the most economical basis possible, a public service of the highest possible competence, integrity and efficiency, capable of providing the services necessary for the proper administration of a developing country.
2. Preserve the non-political nature of the public service.

## **Social Welfare**

1. Maintain, expand and improve the full range of community casework, and other professional services, to enhance the well-being of all Rhodesians, and maintain the stable family unit as the basis of society.

2. Ensure the welfare of children and young persons backed by the force of law, the provision of social welfare and probationary services, the promotion of healthy recreational facilities and, where necessary, by the subsidisations of voluntary effort.
3. Curb delinquency and the social evils that stem from promiscuity, the abuse of drugs and all forms of anti-social behaviour, by providing specialist services and corrective institutions for the different groups.
4. Keep under constant review the levels of Old Age, Pioneer and Early Settler Pensions, to preserve the pensioner's fundamental rights to independence, and continue to assist voluntary associations in the creation of adequate residential and supportive services for the aged.
5. Encourage and give financial assistance to voluntary organisations which aid the physically and mentally handicapped.
6. Register and control all welfare organisations for the protection of the public.

## **Tourism**

1. Encourage the expansion of tourism at the greatest possible rate, recognising the significant contribution made by the foreign currency earnings of the tourist industry to the balance of payments, as well as its public relations value.
2. Promote at reasonable rates the provision of home holidays for Rhodesians.
3. Continue to encourage the construction of and improvements to hotels and other tourist facilities.
4. Co-ordinate the activities of the appropriate Ministries and Statutory bodies engaged in promoting tourism, through the National Tourist Board.

## **Transportation**

### **Air**

Modernise and expand the equipment and operations of Air Rhodesia, and continue with the construction and extension of airfields and airport facilities.

## **Rail and Road**

1. Ensure the complementary development of rail and road transport to promote the economic expansion of Rhodesia.
2. Expand and modernise the railway system to meet the growing demand for rail transport.
3. Maintain and extend the national road network, and give support to Rural Councils in the development and maintenance of the secondary road infrastructure.
4. Continue the proper control and development of the carriage of goods and passengers by public transporters.
5. Promote road safety by the enforcement of traffic legislation, by the constant updating of modern techniques in road engineering and by the education of road users in proper road behaviour.

### **Water**

Encourage private enterprise to develop our inland waters, and exercise control to ensure the safety of passengers and cargo.



## Water Development

1. Provide adequate and timely water supplies for the country's economic development.
2. Plan and manage water resources according to natural basins, rather than administrative boundaries.
3. Promote the optimum reclamation and re-use of water.
4. Implement schemes when finance is available, and when an objective assessment of their overall merits proves favourable, taking into consideration both their direct and indirect benefits to the national economy.
5. Maintain water tariffs within the capacity of the water user to pay.

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