



CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Following the report back from the thematic group discussions, the conference moved to a closing plenary discussion in which it was agreed to adopt the “Yellow Paper” with the following amendments:

- "Dialogue" should be changed to Political Party Dialogue.
- Include the Constitution Reform as an immediate concern.

Civil society has a role to play in resolving the crisis, but the role of civics is deeper than this. Civil society should not be tagged to political parties but should claim and occupy their space as independent entities. Civil society could make alliances with any political party but should maintaining its role as permanent and relevant entities.

That there is a need to build bridges between the major political parties that were extending their hand to the civil society. Civil society should seek to strengthen such alliances.

That there is hope in Zimbabwe as nothing is permanent except change. However, there were concerns regarding the post-transition period, especially in regard to the youth that were being trained and used as tools of violence.

The conference further endorsed the recommendations of the small groups, and adopted the following resolutions¹⁸:

- The Conference supports the current efforts in the mediation by the church.
- The Conference supported the non partisan regional and international initiatives to resolve the crisis in Zimbabwe but was opposed to partisan or dishonest interference.
- The Conference undertook to resolve the political players in the current crisis failure of which they resolved to engage a parallel process.
- The Conference adopted the proposal for the 19th of July march to campaign against POSA and AIPPA.
- The Conference accepted the principle position for the Crisis Leadership to engages members within ZANU PF that are keen to dialogue.
- The Conference agreed that a group of Eminent persons from Civil Society Organisations would be identified through an inclusive consultative process to represent civil society.
- The Coalition will hold consultative meetings on thematic issues at Provincial and District levels and report back to the members.
- The Conference agreed that the Coalition would commission studies and create think tanks on thematic issues to be outlined in simple form for public consumption
- The Conference Report would include the recent African Union civil society resolutions¹⁹.
- Crisis Coalition leadership should mobilize and make effective interventions in the SADC region, and take advantage of opportunities such as President Bush's visit to South Africa
- The NCA was tasked with further inquiry and research into the Constitution Making process.

18 The conference resolutions were developed into a press statement advertisement that appeared in the local press the week after the conference. See Appendix 13 for this press statement.

19 See Appendix 12 for statement from the Maputo summit.