

# PAMWE FARMERS COOPERATIVE

## DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

1. KAEMBO "KASIRINGUA" (PRESENTER)
2. ARNOLD HINDJOLE
3. OSCAR NORICH.

HONOURABLE PRESIDENT, HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORP, MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PAMWE FARMERS COOPERATIVE WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS CONFERENCE POSSIBLE.

DUE TO LACK OF TIME I WOULD LIKE TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS LAND REFORM AS ~~AS~~ SEEN BY MY ORGANISATION. PAMWE FARMERS CO-OP REPRESENT BOTH COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNAL FARMERS AFFILIATED TO US, AND I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO TACKLE THESE ISSUES SEPARATELY.

### 1. THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR:

1.1. IT IS A FACT THAT 80% OF THE POPULATION FARMS ON 60% OF THE BEST AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 80% ON WHAT WE WOULD TERM, "WASTELAND". THIS STATUS QUO SHOULD BE RE-addressed TO MAKE RECONCILIATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MEANINGFUL. NAMIBIAN FARMERS AND ABSENTEE LANDLORDS SHOULD VOLUNTARILY OR IF NECESSARY COMPELLED TO MAKE UNPRODUCTIVE AND ABUNDANT LANDS AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR PURCHASING PURPOSES.

1.2. LAND TAX SHOULD BE INTRODUCED.

1.3. SUBSIDIES AND SOFT LOANS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO POTENTIAL MEMBERS TO ACQUIRE LAND OR DEVELOP THOSE ACQUIRED <sup>WITH ~~BY~~ THEIR</sup> OWN MEANS. THIS SHOULD APPLY TO THE DEPRIVED AND NEGLECTED MASSES ONLY.

1.4. A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE LAND BANK AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO HANDLE APPLICATIONS TO PREVENT MONOPOLY, FAVOURITISM AND NEPOTISM.

## 2. COMMUNAL AREAS:

2.1 COMMUNAL AND UNINHABITED AREAS SHOULD BE DEMARCATED IN VIABLE FARM UNITS, THAT WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO INDIVIDUAL THAT QUALIFIES TO PURCHASE AND DEVELOP THEM, WITH SOFT LOANS FROM THE LAND BANK.

2.2. THOSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CAPITAL OR HERD OF CATTLE SHOULD BE RESETTLED ON GOVERNMENT OWNED FARMS AND ASSISTED TO SWITCH FROM SUBSISTANCE TO COMMERCIAL FARMING

2.3. UNINHABITED AND UNDEVELOPED AREAS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND RESERVED FOR AS PROUGHT RELIEF FARMS TO BE HIRED TO THOSE IN DESPERATE NEED.

~~HEAT~~ HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT PAMWE FARMERS CO-OP WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LET PEOPLE'S VOICES BE HEARD.

THANK YOU

GIVE THE LAND TO THE PEOPLE.