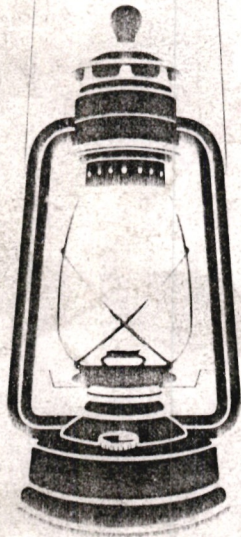


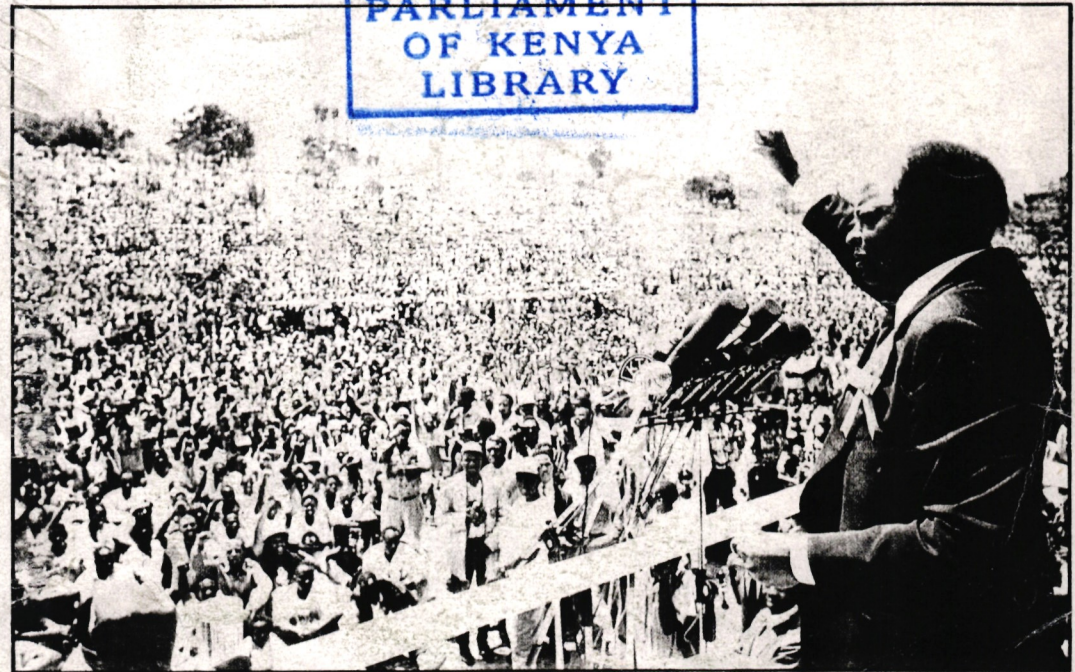
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*Our early struggles to gain our independence remain an inspiration. We can  
and we will recover.*

*UNITY AND JUSTICE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW*

## FOREWORD

Fellow Kenyans,

I am delighted to launch this manifesto which is intended to set forth in fairly broad terms the philosophy and policies of the Democratic Party. In each area covered, we will be developing much more detailed and thorough statements of interest and as the days go by, much of this will be released in speeches and in the media. Our campaign for Civic, Local, National and Presidential elections will be based upon our central theme of "UNITY AND JUSTICE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW".

The world has undergone dramatic change in the past few years and we in Kenya have seen our share of welcome changes. There is much more to be done and we in the Democratic Party believe that we must respond to the challenges; we must create a new Kenya where we can put behind us the many mistakes and tragedies of poor government. I am convinced that our party is the best equipped and most able to capture the heart and minds of our people. Our strategy to do this is outlined in this manifesto.

We are under no illusions. The country has been misgoverned and taken to the very edge of collapse. Our economy is in ruins, our public



*Mr Mwai Kibaki, DP Chairman*

service demoralised, our faith in politicians largely destroyed, our institutions have been vandalised and our people divided. For the first time, the spectre of real famine across the country faces us and our farmers are demoralised: not because of drought but because they have not been paid for their produce. Our international standing amongst friends has been eroded by a despotic and corrupt regime.

We must go forward. Our people are amongst the most industrious, resilient and capable you can find anywhere. They have been denied leadership and an environment in which their energies could be put to productive use. We believe that we must and can give our people their freedom again, a second liberation, in which once again we will all stand tall, taking pride in our diversity and collective achievements.

In the Democratic Party, we truly believe that the role of government is to enable or facilitate. The people or the private sector in its broader sense must take charge and move us forward in the noble task of creating a better nation. We must remove the countless restrictive policies where government interferes, stifles and prevents production and growth. We must create a public or civil service where men and women can be proud to serve the people and their nation. We must reward people on the principles of merit and nobody should ever again be allowed to operate above or outside the law.

We believe that the Democratic Party can address the problems of recent years: police brutality, incompetent public services, a failed health service, a weak and unsound educational sector, collapse of scientific research, stalled development, waterless cities and so the list goes on.

We do not want to see our country continue to be divided by privilege and stolen wealth. We want equal opportunities for all: we want each citizen to live his or her life with a sense of real security. We believe that discrimination of every kind must be rejected; we want to take care of the needy, the old and the handicapped.

Our country has enormous natural wealth and beauty and we are certain that environmental degradation, theft of public lands and the general collapse of land planning must be dealt with now. We can do it and we will. Our forests, rivers, mountains, streams, wetlands, wildlife and coastline are for our people's future and they must be secured from individual greed.

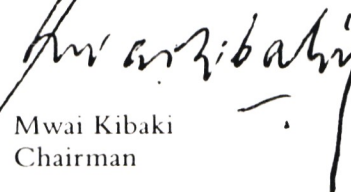
Kenya has a constitution that was worked out by the founders of this nation. This sacred document must guide us all and we in the Democratic Party are certainly fully mindful of this basic faith required of public leadership.

As we go to the polls, I ask you to be mindful of the past. Let us respect the right of all to free speech, free thought and free association. Public debate will be lively and many harsh words will be passed in the days ahead. In the final analysis, it is the people who must decide; we can be led but it is you who will decide. This is the moment we have longed for; a chance to once again have a real voice in determining our own future. As you prepare yourself to vote, give thought to the following issues:

- **Which party will truly represent your interests?**
- **What party can best restore a sense of unity and justice in our midst?**
- **Which party can best provide the opportunities to enable you to achieve for yourself and your family?**
- **Which party has the moral standing and accountability to restore democracy to our land?**
- **Which party will guarantee security for all and a chance for all to be heard in national life?**
- **Which party has the greatest chance to command the respect and trust of our neighbours, near and far, all so essential if we are to move ahead.?**

I believe, as do many others, that it is only the Democratic Party that can really claim to have the wide spectrum of leaders who have a proven record of integrity, competence, temperance and commitment to a better Kenya. I hope you will support us in this critical time to create a society where **UNITY AND JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.**

Signed



Mwai Kibaki  
Chairman



*The time for change is now: human rights violations must stop.*

## TIME FOR CHANGE

The people of Kenya demand change: the time for change is now.

The opportunities presented by the introduction of multi-party Democracy is a chance for Kenyans to regain their pride. The collective efforts of so many brave men and women over the past year has ushered in a second liberation: pluralism is and must remain an irreversible reality for all of us. We thank the lawyers, the church leaders and the many heroes who have done so much to lead us to this new chance.

Sadly, we must begin the new era as a nation in disarray: the economy is on the verge of collapse, personal freedoms have been severely curtailed and human rights violations have been all too common. Public health care has all but collapsed, environmental destruction is rampant, corruption at all levels has poisoned society and so the list goes on.

Happily, Kenyans are capable and resilient. Together, we can rebuild a strong and healthy nation. Our early struggles to gain our independence remains an inspiration and we can and will recover; the tasks are many but it can and must be done. Let us share pride in the fact that inspite of the worst possible government in recent years, we are still one nation and we have not yielded to the temptations of widespread violence and civil war.

Kenyans must face the realities that lie ahead: there are many problems that will require hard decisions and national resolve. We have many friends and if we begin again to put our country first, we can expect others to help us in the tasks ahead.

Freedom of expression, freedom of movement, freedom of choice, freedom to own, freedom to trade: there are so many basic rights that have been taken over by a privileged few. Economic prosperity can only be created when men and women are truly free: they must be given unfettered access to the means of production, land, labour and capital.

We must learn again to respect the law and we must recognise the values of a truly open system of government. Kenyans must reject the tendency of the past few years to think in terms of "us" and "them": it is "we" and we must move forward recognising merit, appreciating hard work and putting our commitment to our country and our families first. We must reject the cult of personality. Let us remember the famous words of that great leader John F. Kennedy when he asked his people to think in terms of "what can I do for my country and not what can my country do for me".

The Democratic Party believes that their vision is the only way forward for a Better Tomorrow. We believe we can rebuild and reinspire: our people, throughout Kenya, share a common capacity as well as a common tenacity to rebuild our nation.

We must move forward along a course that will bring back our prosperity, our dignity, our self respect. As a nation, we have often led the way and we must again. With our resources, human and natural, our commitment and the Democratic Party leadership, Kenya will stand tall again as an enlightened, tolerant, peace loving and just society. We can and we must work with our neighbours and friends to make our part of the world a better place.



*The key to the future will be our ability to get the economy going again.*

## THE ECONOMY

The key to our future will be our ability to get the economy going again. Kenyans must move beyond dependency upon external support and we have no choice but to reduce our external debts. The Democratic Party will introduce measures to create a liberalised economic environment where exports will be genuinely encouraged, essential rather than frivolous imports will be assured, excessive paper work and bureaucracy will be eliminated to encourage investment.

As we move into the new era, we cannot avoid wondering how the KANU government could have been so negligent as to allow the present disastrous situation to develop. The massive external debt relates in large measures to entirely unjustified expenditures. The enormous outflow of hard currency through illegal transfers relating to bogus land deals and countless fraudulent transactions has left our donor friends with little desire to help further. The Democratic Party will address these issues and put forward policies that will bring our national economy back from the very edge of disaster.

We believe in a diversified economy where self sufficiency in staple foods is a prerequisite, but where appropriate industrial development, tourism and service industries will be critical. Our country is perfectly situated to provide vital services to the region in respect of so much. The Democratic Party believes that Kenya must regain its position as the principal economic hub in the region through policies that are progressive, dynamic, forward looking and practical.

## AGRICULTURE

The spectre of widespread hunger and famine in our country must never be allowed to happen again. Our commitment is to work toward security in basic foods and to establish strategic reserves that will reflect the certainty of adverse weather from time to time. Our farmers must be recognised for their critical role: the cost of inputs must be monitored and the farmer cannot be expected to personally subsidise the feeding of the nation. Realistic prices for outputs must be the way forward.

The Democratic Party will reduce the role of government to that of a facilitator; we must not interfere with the vital sectors such as coffee, tea, dairy, meat and horticulture. Kenya used to be a leader in African agricultural research. We must again recognise the importance of science

in developing new crops, new breeds, disease resistant hybrids and better yields. Our land used to produce far more than it does today in terms of nett area yields and this can be achieved and improved upon again.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- national food security,
- decontrolling and liberalising all agricultural production and marketing,
- placing the distribution of farm produce in the hands of the private sector,
- supporting and encouraging agricultural and horticultural research,
- promoting settlement for agriculture where suitable land remains available,
- revitalization of extension services,
- rehabilitating existing irrigation schemes where economical.



*Our farmers must be recognised for their critical role.*

## TOURISM

Kenya has been widely recognised as a favourite destination in the international market but so far, little has been done to take advantage of this by the government. The new era promises wonderful opportunities for this vital sector of the economy.

The Democratic Party believes that we need to address the real needs of the sector in terms of tourist security, tourist satisfaction and the real participation of Kenyans in the industry at all levels. There is a need to raise the numbers of tourists, but this must be done with due regard to the impact of such growth. New areas for recreation must be developed, particularly in the north of our country where tourism is still relatively limited.

Many of Kenya's National Parks and Reserves have not been developed and the Kenya Wildlife Service will be assisted in its programme to make all of these available to the industry. New wildlife areas could be used to bring economic growth and opportunity to our people living in remote areas.

Kenya's beaches, while famous have become dirty, crowded and unsafe. Mass tourism through charters has not always brought the desired benefits to our country. The Democratic Party will provide the necessary leadership and encouragement for the private sector to address some of the problems.

We believe that with imaginative and aggressive marketing, the tourism industry, could provide a major increment to the nation's economy and the inter-sectoral inputs will boost other areas of national development.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- placing the promotion of tourism in the hands of the private sector,
- improving security on the beaches, in the reserves and along access routes to the national parks,
- upgrading access roads to tourist destinations,
- developing new areas for recreation and tourism,
- working with the private sector to liberalise the industry's ability to promote tourism abroad,
- maximising foreign currency earnings being remitted to Kenya by offering incentives to tour operators.

## INDUSTRIALISATION

The Democratic Party believes that there are many opportunities for the development and enhancement of industrial development and will make certain that the necessary environment exists. Fair competition is essential in a free market and the government must ensure that local industry is neither disadvantaged unduly nor protected to the extent that reality on the market place is lost from sight. Kenyan consumers need quality goods, choices, competitive prices and regular availability. The Democratic Party government will ensure that shortages do not occur as a result of restrictive and cumbersome regulations and official interference. The Democratic Party will put an end to the practice allowing direct tax free imports that benefit the privileged few and destroying local industry.

### **The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- the provision of all necessary support for industrial development in Kenya,
- the development of midterm and long term strategy for coordinated industrial development,
- the encouragement and support of industrial research and development,
- the encouragement and funding of training and education,
- the provision of financial and management support for new industries,
- the minimization of government controls on industry except in regard to health hazards and environmental impact,
- encouragement of export schemes and opportunities.

## SERVICE INDUSTRIES

The Democratic Party recognises the enormous potential offered by this sector. Banking, insurance and the financial services are of special importance. In the African region, Kenyan professional support can be of significance and we will work with all components of this sector to increase the opportunities for growth and development. The Democratic

Party will seek to enhance the opportunities within the framework of our liberalisation of taxation and fiscal policy.

## FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES

The recent worldwide changes present a new era of opportunity and challenges. To prepare ourselves, we must develop sound and realistic economic policies. We must create a stable economic environment which rewards and motivates individual initiative. Inflation must be brought under control. Our currency must stabilize in order to give industry a chance to enhance productivity. We must bring about a climate in which both the private and public sector will flourish.

The Democratic Party believes that the people of Kenya cherish the truth. They need to see results not mere rhetoric.

Unemployment must be brought down through enhanced investments. Interest rates must be managed to increase productivity. And more importantly, bureaucratic constraints must be removed in order to allow a free market economy to thrive, and the nation to prosper.

### **The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- keeping firm control over public spending,
- pursuing vigorous economic policies and programmes,
- mobilizing domestic saving and accelerating development of the capital market,
- implementing a balanced structural adjustment programme specifically suited to Kenya,
- vigorously promoting export production and trade,
- working out investment incentive schemes to promote rapid industrialization which will create employment,
- developing and implementing progressive monetary and fiscal policies,
- working towards harmonisation and broadening of the tax base and reducing the tax burden on everybody,
- working towards achieving price stability through decontrolling prices,
- facilitating regular consultation between the government and the private sector,

- developing programmes to stimulate rapid development in agriculture, tourism and industry,
- encouraging private sector involvement in social, economic and political aspects of our lives.

The Democratic Party believes that restrictive practices, nationalisation, state intervention, over-taxation and over-regulation strangle an economy. There is urgent need to relax and liberalise controls in order to create new incentives.

Although our economy is dependent primarily on agriculture, manufacturing can rapidly transform the economy. The service industry also makes a vital contribution to development. The Democratic Party believes that a prudent mix of agriculture, tourism, manufacturing and the service industry will yield better results and faster growth of our country.



*Manufacturing can rapidly transform the economy.*

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- steadily dismantling all barriers which hamper the growth of the manufacturing sector,
- working towards greater reduction of tax burdens especially on manufacturing and business in general,
- abolishing unnecessary licenses and reducing processing time for specific approval,
- promoting capital markets and the service industry in general,
- dismantling all restrictive rules and regulations that hinder growth of agriculture, tourism and industry,

The Democratic Party believes that the government must play its role of facilitating development and guiding the movement of resources to the private sector.

The consumer must be given accurate information in order to make sensible decisions so as to protect him from unscrupulous traders. The consumer wants choice, quality and value for money. Our policies must, therefore, promote consumer choice and safety.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- introducing legislation designed to protect the consumers,
- empowering the courts to deal effectively with unscrupulous traders,
- reviewing the law relating to guarantees and warranty,
- simplifying and enforcing the laws relating to patents and trade marks,
- improving and enforcing the laws governing use of chemicals, especially pesticides used in agriculture,
- encouraging and working with consumer organisations.

Any form of taxation creates an obligation to render benefits to the tax payer. There is a genuine problem of over-taxation, lack of known or perceived benefits and inefficient use of tax payers' money in many spheres of our public life.

It is, therefore, necessary to streamline taxation/expenditure policies. Without this normalisation, other monetary policies such as interest

and exchange rate mechanisms will not work in the management and allocation of the nation's financial resources.

We are all aware that major imbalances exist in the economic and sectoral policy framework. This trend must be reversed.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- instituting vigorous competitive tendering procedures in government projects,
- ensuring that the government abandons the current policy of squeezing out the private sector in the banking industry by rationalising government borrowing to finance government expenditures,
- controlling inflation to facilitate economic growth,
- reviewing interest rates and pursuing policies which will encourage savings and investments.

### **TAXATION, APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Democratic Party believes that the government should be a facilitator of enhancing wealth and opportunities for its citizens. Those who create prosperity should enjoy it and be given more opportunities to generate wealth. Indeed, an enterprising economy should reward the industrious and thrifty.

In the years ahead, we shall work towards balancing the government's budget by prudently controlling and managing public spending to ensure that the economy grows and economic power is gradually transferred from the state to the citizens. Our broad policy goal is to be geared towards rationalising efficiency within the public sector.

The policy of retrenchment in the public sector will be followed with due regard to the genuine needs and concerns of the people affected. We believe that a 'safety net' scheme can be developed which will cushion the impact on them and in addition provide for some genuine stimulation of the economy.

The Democratic Party believes in creating an environment of trust in government which would in turn lead to a reliable self assessment system.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- rationalising the corporate tax structure to encourage investment and increase jobs,
- broadening the tax base by continuing to reduce direct taxation to a much more indirect and consumer based tax system,
- removing punitive tax administration procedures which are seen as reducing individual freedoms. One such procedure is the newly introduced PIN system,
- removing the present punitive penalty/interest on the tax system,
- introducing tax incentives to encourage domestic savings,
- simplifying and reducing the tax on capital transfers,
- reducing the reliance on foreign balance of payments support,
- simplifying legislative mechanisms to encourage growth in the economy,
- reducing government involvement in the financial sector.

### **TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Our country once had an excellent network of well maintained primary and secondary roads, a reliable and well run railways system, effective domestic and international airlinks and a comprehensive and functioning telephone and postal system. Gross mismanagement, government interference, corruption and poor planning have had their toll on these vital aspects of our national infrastructure.

The Democratic Party will make urgent plans to repair and rebuild our roads using funds that should be available from the toll system. The upgrading of rural roads, national parks access roads and trunk roads is a matter of priority as the expected economic recovery of our nation will depend to a large extent on better roads. The loss of foreign exchange resulting from spare parts importation for vehicles ruined by potholes must be addressed. The horrific loss of life from bad roads, bad driving and poorly maintained vehicles has to be a priority in the new era.

The Kenya Railways must be revitalised with appropriate modern equipment, effective and reliable management and a programme of



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extending the services where such services can be shown to be profitable. The Democratic Party will work to involve the private sector in the provision of new passenger and freight services.

Air transport in Kenya must be rationalised and the full involvement of the private sector in developing policy is considered mandatory. The Democratic Party recognises that patterns of international travel have changed and the importance of new concepts will be fully considered. The rationalisation of traffic rights for both passenger and cargo traffic will be given urgent attention to speed up development in the tourism industry and the agriculture/horticulture sector. We believe that significant losses currently result from poor aviation policies.

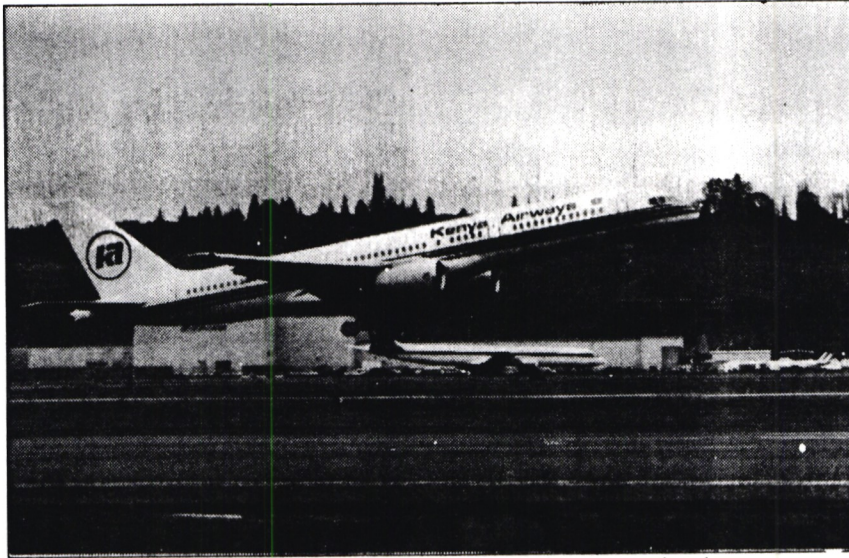
The use of light aircraft in the tourism industry has been hampered by needless restrictions and governmental regulations. The Democratic Party will work closely with the industry and other parts of the private sector to reduce problems to a minimum, and to maximise the opportunities for growth of the Kenyan air travel industry.

**The Democratic Party is committed in particular to:**

- **undertaking extensive rehabilitation and maintenance of public roads,**
- **extending roads into areas where economic growth is currently hampered by a lack of roads,**
- **introducing controls on harmful exhaust emissions which damage human health and the environment,**
- **strictly enforcing the Highway Code.**

Communication is critical and the present inefficient telephone system must be overhauled. The privatisation of this sector is seen as a urgent priority. The Democratic Party believes that competition is vital for the most economic and efficient service. Postal services to the rural areas require improvement and the security of the postal service is a matter of concern. This entire area is vital to Kenya's well being and the Democratic Party will seek the full participation of the private sector in achieving better services for our people.

Shipping and Kenya Ports are a sector of our national life that has received too little attention in the past. The Democratic Party believes that we must think ahead; a modern and vibrant Kenya will require facilities in the next century that must be planned for now. One seaport and a single railway line is not going to suffice. Kenya has other opportunities for seaport developments and we believe that with regional



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development and cooperation, exciting opportunities can be taken up to develop a second seaport city that will provide for imports and exports beyond our own frontiers.

## MEDIA AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS

The Democratic Party believes in the right of the people to know what is happening and in this regard, we shall encourage local broadcasting and local newspapers. Television, radio and print can be more effectively used to promote national awareness and to stimulate national discussion on issues affecting everyone. The Democratic Party believes that freedom of expression is vital: it is not a privilege but it is a right from which our people will benefit.

The Democratic Party adheres to the principle that the people have the right to criticise; to ask for public figures to be accountable for their use of public resources. The exposure of malpractice and excesses in the use of authority, and the sense of fair dealing in public life is a foundation for a peaceful and progressive nation.

The Democratic Party believes that the media are responsible and should not be used to create personality cults, patronage or to encourage sycophancy in public life.

The national mass media will be restructured to facilitate the open participation and access by Kenyans, especially in discussions of national interest.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Kenya is fortunate to be rich in natural resources and yet little has been done to exploit these on a sustainable basis. Our forests are being destroyed, agro-forestry is run down and fisheries are an untapped resource that has been badly mismanaged. Water use and water catchment are badly planned, and mining has hardly taken off. Wildlife, which was in an equally bad state a few years ago, demonstrates the potential that could be realised if all these sectors were managed for the benefit of Kenya. The Democratic Party believes that the natural resources of our country offer one of the greatest chances for a better tomorrow.

### Forestry

Both Kenya's natural and plantation forests have been seriously depleted. The lack of control, illegal and thoughtless excisions, total absence of research and development, and entirely inadequate professional manning have rendered this vital resource to be sidelined.

**The Democratic Party will give, as a matter of urgency, priority to the following areas:**

- adequate protection of all remaining areas of natural forests as part of Kenya's strategic national interest,
- rehabilitation and restructuring of the plantation forests and the management of the timber industry,
- encouragement of agro-forestry as a means of economic production and extending the area of commercial forestry,
- stimulating research into forestry as a means of boosting production of timber for fuel, industry, furniture, construction and tourism.

### Fisheries

Kenya's fisheries are totally under utilised, and have been ignored for years. Much of our fish stock is being exploited offshore by foreign

fleets in flagrant violation of our national interest. The Democratic Party will take action to stem these losses. New opportunities for fisheries will be developed with the participation and encouragement of the private sector. Aquaculture, especially of prawns, should yield tremendous gains for local and export operations.

The loss of fish species and the reduction of annual catches from inshore fisheries such as Lake Turkana, Lake Victoria and Lake Naivasha will be addressed with restocking and appropriate controls. Fresh water aquaculture, particularly for tilapia is seen by the Democratic Party to be an area of special significance to economise development in the Turkana basin.

Fish farming for smallholders and the re-introduction of trout and other species in smallholder highland operations offers new opportunities for economic development. The Democratic Party believes that this sector of our natural economy can be greatly strengthened by guidance and private sector participation.

### Water

The Democratic Party recognises that water is a significant natural resource and its use cannot be taken for granted. Inadequate concern and regulation by the KANU government has resulted in significant degradation of river systems, lakes and underground water supplies. The Democratic Party will give significant priority to water catchments, wetland conservation, aquatic conservation, river pollution and water treatment. Many towns and villages, and in particular Nakuru, Mombasa and Nairobi, have totally inadequate water supplies as a result of poor planning and incompetent management. The Democratic Party will address and correct this in conjunction with local authorities.

### Mining

The search for mineral resources can be enhanced by encouraging private sector participation, and the liberalisation of existing policies. The Democratic Party will work closely with investors, large and small, to further develop and exploit the mineral resources of Kenya.

In order to reap the benefits of our natural resources we need to develop a mineral based industry. We must establish institutions and facilities for continuous prospecting for deposits of traditional and new minerals including crude oil.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- **promoting the development of a self-sustaining mineral based industry, exporting the high value added content,**
- **ensuring that prospecting license holders are properly protected and also given incentives in order to encourage them to undertake clean and respectable business,**
- **putting in place a system of licensing, mining and marketing minerals and gemstones, for the maximum benefit from the industry.**

### Wildlife

Kenya's wildlife represents a significant resource which has been ignored or maladministered for years. The Democratic Party will support efforts by the Kenya Wildlife Service to fully utilize the potential of this vital opportunity. Tourism needs development and the utilization of wildlife on a commercial and sustainable basis offers exciting opportunities for economic growth in Kenya, especially in some of the traditionally less productive, semi-arid lands.

The Democratic Party will work closely with all communities and the local authorities to maximise the return from this resource and appropriate new legislation will be prepared.

Wildlife has often been in conflict with people, agriculture and ranching and the Democratic Party will encourage the development of lasting solutions. Policies on the zonation and land use practices in areas peripheral to the parks and reserves will be given priority, together with fences and other methods of protecting farmers.

The Democratic Party will commit the necessary political support to international and regional initiatives to conserve and protect endangered species and ecosystems both within Kenya and beyond.

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The building industry is of utmost importance in national development and employment. The industry encompasses a wide spectrum of manpower sectors, and inputs.

Some of the key issues recognised are:

- the need for equitable distribution of opportunities in the industry,
- the need to review building standards,
- problems in import licensing and foreign exchange availability to the industry,
- the impact of externally funded projects in the industry,
- the role of education and training,
- the need for planning of public sector projects in the development of the industry,
- need for awards and recognition of professional excellence,
- the need for indigenisation of the industry,
- wide-spread graft and corruption in the industry.

The country has highly qualified and competent professionals such as engineers and architects. However, the same cannot be said of the contracting sector, where indigenous contractors are totally marginalised.

Some of the reasons for this situation are:

- lack of finance,
- lack of organisational and management skills,
- lack of commitment,
- lack of specialisation,
- lack of political support and goodwill.



DP will ensure a strict code of ethics is followed in the building industry.

To a large extent the professionals do not have the necessary artisan and technician support. Solutions must be sought to encourage the indigenous contractors to acquire the necessary standards of performance to enable them to compete with their international counterparts.

The Democratic Party is committed to:

- establishing a national agency with the requisite administrative controls for the promotion of the construction industry,
- establishing a national institution in charge of their registration,
- ensuring that Kenyan contractors are encouraged and awarded contracts,
- establishing a fund from which contractors can borrow soft loans to finance contracts in the industry,
- encouraging and assisting the Kenya Association of African Contractors to be more vigorous in the industry,
- encouraging professionals in the industry to identify credible contractors for suitable contracts or assistance funding,
- ensuring strict enforcement of the building standards in the industry.

The Democratic Party shall provide an enabling environment for fair competitive bidding among the professionals within the guidelines and ethics set by the respective professional institutions in liaison with the government

#### LAND POLICY

Programmes for availing more and usable land for agriculture and industrial development should be initiated by the government and the private sector. A nationwide land use policy, reflecting the need for an integrated approach, will be developed.

The Democratic Party recognises that public land belongs to the people. Laws governing use and allocations of public land will be enacted.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- promoting farming of cash crops and traditional cereals,
- enhancing cadastral survey and mapping of all land that has potential for development,
- speeding up issuance of title deeds in both the rural and urban areas,
- attaching economic value to all undeveloped private land,
- reviewing our land tenure and settlement policies with a view to encouraging ownership of small scale manageable holdings,
- initiating legislation to protect reserve and trust lands,
- reviewing various land acts with a view to rationalising and protecting customary lands, land owners and investors equitably,
- bringing about legislation to facilitate land share certificate holders to use them as collateral for development funds,
- exploring and facilitating programmes of reclaiming arid and semi-arid land.



*DP will avail more usable land for agriculture and industrial development.*

## GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

Fair competition and private ownership are the two most powerful engines of economic efficiency, innovation and choice.

The Democratic Party believes that the government should concentrate on creating an enabling environment for the private sector. Indeed a Democratic Party government should encourage, promote and work towards a deliberate policy of privatisation of as many sectors of our economy as possible.

Carefully organised programmes of privatisation will lead to increased productivity. Yields will go up and our capital market will be expanded. It is essential that the process be conducted in an orderly and transparent manner.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- ensuring that all non-strategic commercial undertakings currently owned by the government are privatised,
- ensuring that employees are given an opportunity and are assisted to own a stake in the company for which they work individually or collectively as co-operatives,
- bringing private sector enterprise to public services as much as possible,
- ensuring that competitive tendering is adhered to both in the central and local government.

## DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

The Democratic Party recognises that Kenya has several different topographical and climatic zones which require diverse programmes of development. Existing regional development authorities will be strengthened to ensure that they function more effectively.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- strengthening institutional and managerial capacities of the various development authorities,
- initiating development authorities where they are required,
- involving the local communities in the planning and management of activities carried out by the authorities.

**DONOR FUNDS**

The confidence of external donor governments, multi-lateral agencies and non governmental agencies is an essential component of any future planning for Kenya's economic recovery. Whilst the Democratic Party will certainly protect and promote our nation's independence and sovereignty, we will remain obliged to work with donors in the foreseeable future.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- ensuring that there is complete accountability in the management of donor funds,
- ensuring that funds reach the target groups efficiently and without interference,
- reviewing recent restrictive legislation,
- encouraging open discussion and reporting on the utilisation of donor funds.

**INFORMAL SECTOR**

*A big push in the informal sector will help alleviate unemployment*

Small scale manufacturers, farmers and retail businesses form the single largest economic group of Kenyans today. The total labour force in this country is currently estimated at eight million people. The total wage employment in both the public and private sector is only one and a half million. The balance of six and a half million able-bodied men and women derive their livelihood from small businesses or the informal sector. Encouragement and assistance to this sector will go a long way towards alleviating the unemployment problem.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- developing the necessary institutional infra-structure to encourage this vital economic group,
- ensuring that the banking system is sufficiently flexible to increase credit to the informal sector,
- increasing capacities and capabilities of small business related organisations through education and training,
- reviving and revitalizing the operations of the District Joint Loan Boards,
- promoting wider participation of women and youth in the informal sector,
- creating opportunity centers throughout the country,
- giving incentives to small businesses.

**'JUA KALI'**

A large number of men and women are involved in "Jua Kali" activities in the informal sector.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- establishing a national lottery to provide funds for conducting countrywide exhibitions and trade fairs for "Jua Kali" artisans,
- encouraging the private sector to support the "Jua Kali" industry and increasing the use of goods and services provided by the "Jua Kali" sector.

**THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT**

The co-operative movement in our country was once a success story. Presently, however, we are witnessing a seemingly uncaring attitude toward the movement from government.

The savings and credit co-operative societies have continued to provide a vital service to the sector in mobilising savings.

DP believes that the co-operative movement should be encouraged in all sectors of our economy and that the government should give full support to the movement.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- restoring confidence and encourage Kenyans to continue developing the co-operative movement in all sectors of our economy,
- expanding training facilities for those involved in the management of co-operative programmes and institutions,
- offering incentive programmes to members of the savings and credit co-operative societies.



*DP believes the co-operative movement should be encouraged in all sectors.*

**SECURITY**



*DP will commit itself to urgent review and revitalisation of the Police force*

The increase of crime in our society is a matter of growing concern to us all and people throughout the land must be given adequate police protection. The effectiveness of Kenya's Police Force is a matter of the utmost importance and the The Democratic Party will commit itself to the urgent review and revitalization of the force. Incidents of robberies, rape, hooliganism, traffic violations, arson, stock theft and cattle rustling are all on the increase. Armed bandits are often reported in many parts of the land. Police indifference, even hostility to the public must be changed. The level of funding for the force must also be increased.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- overhauling the Kenya Police force from the top down,
- embarking on an immediate programme of training and retraining to provide for a "public-friendly" and effective crime prevention force,
- providing adequate financial support to give the police mobility in all areas of their duty,
- cracking down on corruption in the force,
- reducing delays between arrest to appearance in court,
- cracking down on police brutality and torture,
- eliminating political interference that prevents the Police Force from carrying out its tasks in accordance with the law.

## DEFENCE

The quality and capabilities of our armed forces is something of which we are all proud. We are also proud of the professionalism which they have displayed during this period of transition to multi-party politics. The various peace keeping missions which our armed forces have undertaken in Africa and elsewhere in the world, have done us proud.

**The Democratic Party of Kenya is determined to ensure that:**

- **in future our forces are better equipped and better provided for,**
- **professionalism in the armed forces is maintained by having all promotions based on merit,**
- **the welfare of our armed force is maintained while in active service as well as upon retirement.**

## HUMAN RIGHTS

The Democratic Party is fully committed to ensure that all Kenyans will enjoy the basic human rights enshrined in our constitution. In



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particular, we believe that there must be absolute guarantees of freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom, of conscience, freedom of worship. The people should also have freedom from the want for the basic necessities of life such as shelter, food and health.

We will commit the government to a comprehensive programme that will give equal protection under the law for all.

The Democratic Party believes that people enjoy certain rights which exist in a state of nature, unrestrained by government or society. We are committed to uphold the United Nations Charter and Bill of Rights. The Democratic Party further recognizes that the power of government is drawn entirely from the people, who are the real rulers. The voice of the people will express common interests and inhibit the rise of despotism.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- **repealing all repressive laws such as the Public Order Act, the Preservation of Public Security Act, the Chief's Authority Act and all those provisions in the Penal Code relating to sedition. These have been used to criminalize and punish enjoyment of human rights and basic freedoms,**
- **eradicating the use of institutional and bureaucratic structures of the state as instruments of oppression,**
- **erecting legal and constitutional barriers against future abuses of human rights and the denial of civil liberties on both a short and long term basis,**
- **setting up a bureau of human rights charged with the responsibility of formulating and implementing a human rights policy,**
- **setting up a voluntary human rights fund with a contribution from government and appeal to donors for assistance,**
- **setting up the necessary educational reforms to educate all Kenyans on their rights,**
- **establishing within the relevant ministries a high level national commission on children to develop and implement a clear children's policy. This policy will focus attention on the rights and welfare of the child in development planning and implementation.**

## COMMITMENT TO UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Kenya is a nation of many people who have a wide variety of languages and cultures. The many ethnic groups make our country very special and this diversity is our real strength. Sadly, during the KANU years, ethnic division, discrimination and outright inter-group rivalry has been allowed to grow for the benefit of a few selfish and irresponsible people. Kenya, under the Democratic Party, will reject totally any form of discrimination and we will work for real national unity.

The Democratic Party believes that every person in Kenya must have the right to go about his or her business freely and without fear or threat of intimidation. Ethnic background, religious belief or political preference must not jeopardize one's right to life in Kenya.

The Democratic Party recognizes that some minority groups and interests have not had a voice in the National Assembly and have as a consequence, often been subjected to abuse and condemnation without the right of reply. The Democratic Party will, therefore, nominate a number of representatives for minority and special interests to the National Assembly, as is provided for under our country's constitution.



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**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- ensuring that the full force of the law is used to deal with cases of racial or ethnic harassment,
- ensuring that there is a real commitment to equal opportunities in all spheres of national life,
- eradicating all discriminatory laws and practices within our country.

## FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Kenya has always had an open and even handed approach to International Relations, but in recent years, the oppression and violation of basic human rights by the KANU government has resulted in the cooling down and in some cases severance of links with traditional friends. The Democratic party is committed to an open policy in foreign relations where our country can play its part in the community of nations.

We recognize that Kenya has a special place in the region and in Africa as a whole. Appropriate contacts will lead to enhanced opportunities for our country in trade, tourism and development and we can, through diplomacy, have an impact on larger issues.

The Democratic Party commits itself to active participation in the various international agencies and organisations, particularly bodies of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and more regional associations as appropriate. We will honour all of our treaty obligations, and where appropriate and helpful, a Democratic Party government will ratify other international treaties, agreements and conventions that have been left dormant and inactive under KANU'S mismanaged foreign policy.

The Democratic Party will remain committed to Kenya's obligations to receive genuine refugees and we will work to develop new policy on immigration and asylum.

**The Democratic Party will pay particular attention to:**

- **improving relations with our immediate neighbours,**
- **seeking greater contacts between ourselves and the other partners in the defunct East African Community in areas of scientific research, economic development and tourism,**
- **working with our partners to give meaning and effect to the PTA Treaty,**
- **ensuring that our overseas missions are competently staffed by men and women who can effectively promote our nation's interests abroad,**
- **actively seeking a lasting solution to the regional and continental refugee problem.**

**WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Women represent over 50% of Kenya's population yet in many instances, government and modern society has marginalised this important group of people. Discriminatory policies in employment,



*DP will ensure women's participation at all levels of production and leadership.*

education and access to the various institutions have been in practice for too long, and the Democratic Party is committed to make fundamental changes in this area of national life.

Kenya's women have traditionally made enormous contributions in all areas ranging from the struggle for independence, health, education, science and the professional fields of law and economics.

The Democratic Party will ensure that women are accorded equal opportunities in all areas of national life.

The Democratic Party will provide for the interests of women to be represented in the National Assembly through direct nomination.

**The Democratic Party is also committed to:**

- **ensuring that women participate fully in policy formulation, planning and implementation of national programmes,**
- **working towards the elimination of current disparities where women are disadvantaged in terms of access and control of development resources,**
- **reviewing Kenya's laws to bring them in line with internationally accepted standards on the issue of discrimination against women,**
- **reviewing and promoting legislative measures to protect the rights of widowed or abandoned women and their children.**

**EDUCATION**

The current position for Kenya's youth is not satisfactory, and the opportunities for reasonable education are so variable and unequal that many young people are permanently disadvantaged, regardless of their original potential. We propose to review policies across the broad spectrum but in this document we can only offer the most general pointers as to how the Democratic Party will move to improve upon the situation in future.

Kenya has in the past had a reasonable record in providing good primary, secondary and college education, but in the efforts to

improve on these, the KANU government caused havoc and left many of our children greatly disadvantaged. It will take many years and considerable effort to make good these mistakes and the Democratic Party is committed to a cautious and professionally driven programme. We shall not make any dramatic or sudden changes and we will consult fully with educators, parents and the community at large.

### PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Democratic Party recognises that the present education system is not working and needs to be seriously reconsidered. The 8:4:4 system cannot remain as it is. The syllabus is too long and the country lacks the facilities in many districts to effectively provide the teaching back up for the present requirements. As a result, the quality of education in different parts of the country is far from equal. Both teachers and pupils are generally exhausted and there is doubt, both locally and internationally, about the standard of learning in Kenyan schools.



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**The Democratic Party is committed to a thorough review and national debate of the 8:4:4 system and we will ensure that:**

- facilities in schools are improved,
- the selection of teachers is based on competence,
- teachers receive better pay and support,
- the burden of cost to parents, especially in remote and poor areas, is reduced,
- subsidies or other financial assistance is offered to very poor schools such as those in the arid and semi-arid areas,
- there is a review of the possibility of providing in certain schools, alternative curriculum better suited to international tertiary education opportunities.

### TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Democratic Party believes that one of the nation's greatest weaknesses is the lack of well trained technical personnel to satisfy the construction industry and related industrial developments. A good many years ago, Technical Institutes were encouraged by the government of the day but this has increasingly disappeared. We believe that appropriate government support, including funding, must be directed towards improving this sector of our education. There needs to be close liaison with and participation by the private sector to insure that the training institutions are in fact responding to the nation's needs.

The concept of continuous education is not new but it needs to be emphasized and the opportunities strengthened. Re-training is a priority in any dynamic system and much more should be done in this area. The opportunities for night classes at certain centrally located facilities would maximise the effectiveness of our commitment.

### UNIVERSITIES

Whilst it is certainly desirable to increase opportunities for university education, the KANU government has totally failed by pressing for mass university education without adequate funds, facilities or staff. Kenya once enjoyed an excellent reputation in university education and the

Democratic Party will strive to recover the lost ground. We believe that university students are more than simple 'pupils': they deserve and indeed demand more from the opportunity. The Democratic Party will seek ways to strengthen the university system in our country at all levels.

**The Democratic Party will, in particular, commit itself to:**

- re-establishing standards of excellence,
- nationalising and strengthening a realistic student loan scheme,
- enshrining the concepts of academic and intellectual freedom and grant universities independence from political and ministry meddling,
- encouraging private investment and philanthropy in education,
- encouraging links and partnerships with external institutions of higher learning,
- supporting and developing university research programmes especially as a means of deepening the post-graduate training,
- increasing financial support to bring the existing university facilities up to an acceptable standard.

### THE TEACHING PROFESSION

The Democratic Party fully recognises that the quality of education is dependent on that of the teaching. We will therefore devote considerable efforts to improve upon the training and re-training of teachers.

The teaching profession is an honourable one and we must reinforce this by providing adequate support and commitment.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- undertaking reforms of teacher training in order to make it more effective in developing classroom skills,
- undertaking regular appraisal of teachers in order to encourage high standards and develop professional skills,
- creating an independent Teacher's Remuneration Review Board,

- encouraging men and women in the private sector to take up part time teaching assignments in schools and colleges,
- developing mortgage schemes to enable schools, colleges and communities to build houses for teachers,
- reviewing all rules and regulations which inhibit innovativeness and enterprise amongst teachers,
- encouraging religious organizations and private entrepreneurs to establish teachers training colleges,
- establishing a service scheme for untrained teachers at both graduate and non-graduate levels.

### LABOUR AND THE WORKFORCE

The Democratic Party is committed to work with and for the workers to ensure that the men and women earn their fair entitlement. Trade Unions are an important element in any progressive and committed nation and our target of economic recovery will require a real partnership between the government, the employers and the Trade Unions. The Democratic Party believes that in a pluralistic and democratic system of government, the Trade Union movement can play an increasingly important role in the national efforts to move ahead rapidly in areas of production.

**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- making it a requirement that employers give clear terms and conditions of employment to all their workers,
- decentralizing the operations of the Industrial Court to the provincial capitals in order to facilitate quicker handling of reported trade disputes,
- encouraging employee participation within enterprises,
- encouraging and promoting share ownership by workers.

## THE NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

The Democratic Party believes that this fund has been badly operated and there is extensive dissatisfaction and concern about this critical facility which was set up for Kenya's work force. We are committed to a full investigation and disclosure of how this fund has been operated and we will halt any further misuse of the fund. The Democratic Party will put in place a responsible board of management to safeguard the interests of members.

## HEALTH

It is said that a healthy nation is a wealthy nation. Under the KANU government, we have certainly ceased to be a wealthy nation and it is true that the health service has also suffered. Our people must have better health care now. It is inexcusable in the present age to have such appalling conditions in our public hospitals and clinics.



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Some issues will require particular attention and the The Democratic Party will support research that will seek solutions to some extensive medical problems such as the increasing incidence of TB, resistant strains of malaria, and pulmonary and cardiac disease. The KANU government has been extremely negligent in its response to the AIDS epidemic and there has to be immediate action to plan for the consequences of this disaster. Public information and education must be increased and the Democratic Party will commit funds and personnel in this area as a priority. The Democratic Party will also strengthen the nation's existing programmes in family planning, counseling and general health awareness at all levels of our society.

The Democratic Party believes that medical personnel including those in the so called paramedical area need to be adequately paid and a special review commission will be set up under a Democratic Party government. We are concerned about the increasing problem of drug and substance abuse and will address this. Many of our hospitals have broken down equipment, totally insufficient staff and virtually no drugs. The National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) needs to be reviewed and the funds put to better use.

**The Democratic Party will give urgent priority to the area of our nation's health. In particular we are committed to:**

- **establishing Hospital Boards to oversee the operations of health centers, dispensaries and hospitals at grassroots levels,**
- **decentralizing all aspects of Kenyatta National Hospital which are peripheral to the hospital's referral status,**
- **subdividing the Kenyatta National Hospital into several autonomous units under management boards,**
- **streamlining the management of the cost-sharing programme so that Kenyans don't view the scheme as punitive, but as a method for providing better services,**
- **encouraging the use of herbal medicines by promoting research in this field,**
- **encouraging the establishment of private health institutions by individuals, communities, NGO's and religious organizations,**

- providing guidelines on the standards required for such facilities and providing regular inspections to ensure compliance,
- improving the conditions of service of all medical personnel,
- embarking on a countrywide repair, maintenance and replacement programme for critical hospital equipment,
- encouraging community based health and nutrition programmes with greater community involvement,
- ensuring that the NHIF fund is managed to enhance financing of health services in the country.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

With rapid urbanization in our society, many of the traditional systems for the old, the orphans, the displaced and the disabled have broken down. The Democratic Party believes that a responsible government must provide viable and acceptable services for these groups.

The Democratic Party will commit funds and support to work with local authorities, NGOs, religious organisations and others to provide adequate care for those in need. In particular, we will address the problem of the so called 'parking boys' or street children, and the other destitute and homeless groups who have been abandoned by society.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- enacting new legislation to protect the rights of the disabled,
- providing for representation of the disabled in the National Assembly by nomination of a representative,
- establishing a bureau for employment of disabled people,
- creating incentives for employers to recruit disabled persons,
- encouraging and if appropriate subsidizing the production of equipment for disabled persons.

## HOUSING AND SHELTER FOR ALL

The Democratic Party believes that housing is a basic need and every person should have the chance to live in an acceptable dwelling. Unfortunately, the concept of providing low cost housing has been frustrated by the greed and selfishness of a few individuals in positions of power. Many schemes have been designed to maximize construction costs in order to maximize the "rip off" and commission value. It is the people who have suffered.

We believe that with proper, realistic planning and a commitment to the welfare of our people, low cost housing units can be provided on a basis that is economically justified and viable. A review of by-laws and financing arrangements will be undertaken by a Democratic Party government as a matter of priority.



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The Democratic Party is committed to:

- reviewing the building bye laws,
- reviewing the mortgage tax relief, especially for the low income earners,
- availing sufficient land for housing development,
- reviewing building standards in order to make them relevant to our local circumstances,
- setting up a commission for the restoration and rehabilitation of government buildings,
- encouraging development of high-rise residential units and promoting ownership of individual flats,
- establishing programmes and policies which will in turn bring mortgage interest rates and cost of building funds down.

## THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

Charity and the concept of the community solving its own problems has become a part of our national ethic. The justly famous HARAMBEE spirit provides a magnificent example. The KANU government did its best to sabotage this with its clumsy efforts to coerce people to give, and with mandatory deductions from salaries for such dubious causes at the Nyayo Monument. In spite of this, the spirit of Kenya's people prevailed, and HARAMBEE lives on.

The Democratic Party recognizes the enormously useful and often important role of the private charitable organisations in our country. NGOs will have the support and encouragement of our government.

We will explore the possibility of some form of tax incentives to encourage the development of philanthropy, we will protect and respect the genuine voluntary harambee spirit and we will work with the voluntary sector to improve social services in our country.

## SPORTS



*DP will provide on-going support for the training and promotion of sport at all levels.*

Kenya has earned a reputation for being one of Africa's most successful sporting nations. Our athletes have brought us glory and fame on many occasions. Our national pride is important and the Democratic Party will make sure that sport is encouraged at all levels. We will provide on going support and encouragement for the training and promotion of sport at schools and colleges and with various associations. The private sector has always been supportive of this area of national life and we will continue to encourage this.

## OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

Cultural Heritage is an important part of a nation's soul and there is need for a lot of activity in this area. At present, there is no national art gallery and although some elements of our cultural heritage have been safeguarded, the expression and celebration of what makes Kenya unique has not had any significant support.

The Democratic Party will provide funds for the arts, both performing and visual, and we will encourage the private sector and international donors to assist. Libraries, community centers and exhibitions will be encouraged. The Democratic Party believes that the role of the National Museum could be strengthened and complimented by an active National Art Gallery and National Theatre.

## THE CHURCH AND RELIGION

The Democratic Party believes that all religious organizations in Kenya have an important role to play in the moral, spiritual, material and political development of people. We also recognize that the freedom of worship is a right of every citizen. Religious organisations are an important avenue for promoting development both in urban and rural areas of Kenya. A Democratic Party government will cultivate a harmonious working relationship with them, in order to achieve faster and greater results in the socio-economic and political development of the country.



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**The Democratic Party is committed to:**

- encouraging full participation of all religious groups in all forms of human development,
- promoting partnership with the church in education, health and other social services throughout the country,
- defending the freedoms of thought, conscience, belief and proclamation of faith,
- welcoming criticism, ideas, and practical cooperation from religious groups,
- establishing an advisory council of all major religious organizations in Kenya. This will, amongst other functions, liaise with government on all matters of mutual interest.

## YOUTH PARTICIPATION

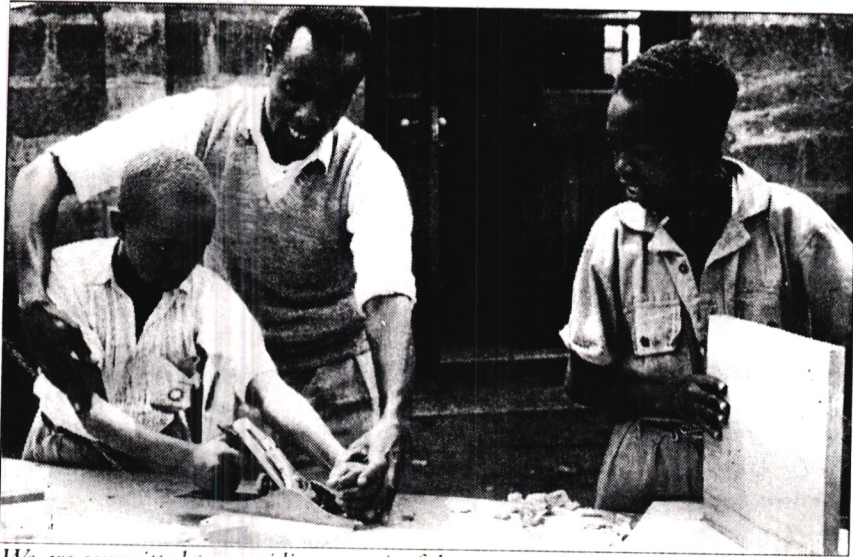
The Democratic Party is committed to the idea that young people need to be given opportunities to channel their energy and participate in national life. The youth of this country represent an enormous resource that is too often ignored or seen simply as a source of problems. We are committed to working with NGOs, religious organisations and the private sector to provide meaningful opportunities for the youth of our nation.

The Democratic Party believes that the youth should be encouraged to seek elective office in both national and local government as well as in civic and other areas of public life.

**The Democratic Party will work with youth leaders and is committed to:**

- promoting young executives in all spheres of our public life,
- involving the youth and youth organisations in formulating, planning, implementing and evaluating development programmes,

- encouraging the youth to mobilize and organize themselves into independent organisations which can help them improve their lives,
- working with the various religious and youth organisations in promoting youth programmes,
- introducing and promoting participatory leadership skills among young people in schools, colleges and vocational training centers in order to enhance their capacity for self-direction and their sense of responsibility,
- involving young people in creative pursuits in areas such as science and technology, education, arts, leisure and philosophy,
- encouraging young people to participate in discussions on population, health, social development, self-reliance, parenthood and family life,
- involving young people in activities that instill in them a sense of caring, sharing, social responsibility and personal development,
- exhorting the virtues of honest and hard work in order to re-ignite the search for excellence in young people.



*We are committed to providing meaningful opportunities to youth of our nation.*

## THE GOVERNMENT IN MODERN DEMOCRACY

The Democratic Party believes in the establishment in Kenya of a democratic form of government based on free exercise by the people of Kenya of all rights secured by our constitution.

The Democratic Party is committed to:

- respecting the supremacy of Parliament, the constitution, the rule of law, peace and justice,
- ensuring that the various organs charged with upholding these principles operate effectively and in such a way that they generate funds to meet operational costs,
- having an open government whose leadership is responsive to the wishes of the people. A Democratic Party government will be accountable to the electorate and will ensure that free and fair elections are held at regular intervals and all adult Kenyans are eligible to vote,
- having a government committed to free enterprise with an appropriate mixed economy which allows all Kenyans to use their talents. A Democratic Party government will develop and safeguard equality of opportunities as well as equal distribution of economic resources,
- developing a free society where all people are equal and where racial, sexual, religious, tribal or any other form of discrimination is eradicated,
- developing a society which is free of economic exploitation of one class by another and which is based on mutual respect and common enterprise,
- ensuring that the administrative body is free of corruption, tribalism and nepotism, and is based on the personal integrity of its leadership. A Democratic Party government will uphold the principle of equality for all and emphasize caring for one another.

## THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution is the supreme authority of the land. It is a document that must always be respected regardless of the party in power.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- ensuring that the constitution of Kenya is respected as the supreme authority in the land,
- abolishing the practice of rule by decree and also ad hoc constitutional changes as has been witnessed by Kenyans in the recent past,
- supporting a national forum to discuss "The Kenya We Want".

## THE EXECUTIVE

The constitution establishes the high office of the President of the Republic of Kenya. This office is the highest in the land. Although it should be respected, the holder of this office should not remain above the law.

The civil service is part of the executive. Its function is to carry out the decisions taken by the government of the day. It should be independent from other organs of government and party in order to carry out its functions properly, and without undue influence. The civil service should be allowed to participate in trade union activities.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- amending the constitution to provide for impeachment of a president who violates the law,
- appointing to the cabinet able men and women of integrity,
- developing a civil service that is independent of political government and party organs so that its operations remain uninterrupted by changes,
- establishing a truly independent Public Service Commission for the appointment, promotion and disciplining of the civil servants,

- rationalizing and revitalizing the civil service to bring back morale and discipline,
- ensuring that the cabinet is a respectable institution,
- reviewing the excessive powers vested in the presidency.

When a state turns against its people and employs state terrorism to harass, intimidate and even maim or kill its citizens, then it loses its legitimacy to rule. We must find a way of ensuring that the public sees our internal security personnel as trusted and dependable friends and custodians of peace, not as enemies and sources of harassment and intimidation.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- strengthening our police forces in order to protect our people,
- defining, strengthening and streamlining the role played by our administrative police,
- strengthening and ensuring proper training of game wardens and anti-stock theft personnel.,
- strengthening our General Service Units,
- building a "civilian friendly" internal security team through training and retraining,
- encouraging the citizens to become law enforcement agents to compliment the work of our internal security forces.

## THE LEGISLATURE

Parliament is the supreme law making institution in the land. It should be respected by the citizens.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- making Parliament truly independent,
- ensuring that Parliament will be controlled only by the constitution, the laws of the land and its own rules and regulations.

## THE JUDICIARY

A society without an independent Judiciary cannot guarantee freedom of its citizens. The present Judiciary in Kenya leaves a lot to be desired. It has been interfered with by the present KANU government with disastrous results.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- ensuring the complete independence of the Judiciary
- strengthening the Judicial service commission and allowing it to execute its functions independently without undue influence from the government.

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The local authorities are responsible for some of the most important public services in the country. The Democratic Party believes in creating a local government system that is capable of delivering high quality services at a price that people can afford. The Local Government must ultimately be accountable to the people.

We believe that the local government system requires educated and diligent men and women of integrity who owe their allegiance to the electorate and not to individuals.

We believe that democratization of local government and its institutions will give power back to the people. We must ensure that councils get back to work. We also believe that the powers of the Minister for Local Government should be curtailed to minimise gross interference.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- ensuring that local authorities regularly hold free and fair elections to elect their representative,
- curtailing the power of the Minister for Local Government and requiring that the dissolution of a local authority shall only be done upon recommended action by a tribunal,
- ensuring that the role of local authorities shifts from that of direct providers to that of effective enablers, encouraging communities and the private sector to manage their own affairs and improving the quality of local services,
- setting up a commission to examine the appropriate local government arrangements in Kenya in view of the present political system,
- establishing a review framework to eliminate overlaps between local authorities and the central government.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

The environment is a matter of broad concern and the Democratic Party recognizes that there is much to be done to arrest the rapidly deteriorating health of this planet. We recognize that short term savings in environmental action can result in long term costs for this nation.

Our rivers are choked with silt and often poisoned by pollution. The air we breath in the cities is filthy and we are losing our topsoil, grasslands and forests at a rate which is unacceptable. UNEP has its headquarters in Kenya because we used to have a government that was aware and which cared about the health of the planet.

The Democratic Party will work in partnership with the people, the local government, the private sector and NGOs to achieve a programme that will halt the deterioration. We will enact new legislation that will make environmental impact assessment mandatory. All development will need to be assessed from the impact perspective. The Democratic Party will strengthen other areas of law and offer incentives to environmental action which is in the national interest.

### The Democratic Party is committed to:

- strengthening all our environmental protection agencies,
- ensuring that an annual environmental status report is published,
- strengthening our laws relating to pollution control and ensuring that they are adhered to,
- legislating laws that empower affected communities to take legal action against those polluting the environment,
- promoting the teaching of environmental education in our schools and colleges,
- ensuring that no toxic materials are dumped within our borders,
- encouraging and promoting NGO's whose work is to protect and manage the environment.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY YOUR FUTURE

The election is about the future of our people and our country. It is about the choice of going forward, determined and convinced that the future will be brighter for all of us. We must never go back to the bitter controversies of the past. If we stand united, we will have a "Better Tomorrow". This election is your chance to choose a brighter future! The key is the Democratic Party.

### YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Looking back to 1978, Kenya was a thriving country with a promising future.

Look at the country we are inheriting today. It is a country depressed and divided. A country accustomed to failure and suspicious of change. A country impoverished and crying out for change. Yet it is a country with hope because of its people. Together we can transform our country.

### FUTURE

The challenges of the 1990's and beyond demand a responsible and able government. A government which understands the achievements and successes of the '60's and '70's. Such a government must be committed to the principles of choice, ownership, responsibility and opportunity. It must be committed to low inflation and low taxes. It must be committed to better quality and value in our public services. We will build a free society, where men and women, young and old, disabled or otherwise, rich or poor, are equal in the eyes of the law. It must be committed to guarantying physical and economic security. Such is the government which the Democratic Party proposes to establish.

We believe that the future is bright, but this can only be so if the people of Kenya have the freedom and the opportunity to determine that future.

We have a leader. A leader who believes in releasing and not suppressing the energies, talents and natural skills, innovativeness and enterprise of our people. A leader who believes that the primary responsibility of the government is to protect its people and their property and to create an enabling environment for the people so that each and everyone of them can reach his or her full potential and contribute to

the success of their neighbours. The choice is yours. Who will you trust in the management of the affairs of state? In whose hands will you place the destiny of the land and nation?

The Democratic Party will enable Kenyans to be an example to the rest of Africa, and indeed to much of the developing world, of how a free people can make the very best of their destiny.

We believe that with you, we can make that dream come true. **ELECT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.**